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## Market slumps after £2.43 billion balance of payments shortfall

# Interest rates hit 13% after record deficit

- The Chancellor raised interest rates to 13 per cent yesterday after announcing Britain's biggest monthly balance of payments deficit of £2.43 billion
- Building societies predicted mortgage rates would rise on January 1, probably by 0.75 per cent, after the 1 per cent increase in base rate
- The record October trade gap is likely to dent public confidence in the British Steel sale and could threaten water and electricity privatizations
- The stock market fell 50 points in an hour on news of the deficit although the FTSE index recovered slightly to close 38.3 down at 1794.7

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

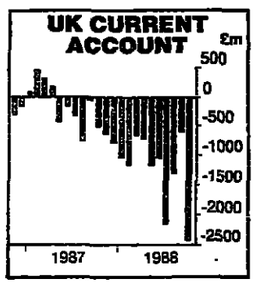
Britain's balance of payments recorded its biggest ever deficit last month with a shortfall on current account of £2.43 billion.

The figures were much worse than the City was expecting and the Government promptly raised interest rates by 1 per cent to 13 per cent. Another rise in mortgage rates now looks certain, the third in four months.

News of the deficit upset the stock market which fell 50 points in an hour and a half. The FT-SE 100 index closed down 38.3 points at 1,794.7, casting a shadow over the privatization of British Steel.

But the pound was buoyed up by the rise in interest rates and closed nearly 2 pfennigs higher at DM3.1642 and almost 1 cent up at $1.8450.

Speaking in Birmingham at a Variety Club of Great Britain lunch, the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, said: "The trade deficit is a freak figure, coming as it does after an erratically low figure in September. Interest rates are having an effect, but they take time to work through a complex economy like Britain's."




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He added: "Having said that, it is perfectly clear that we have got imports still rising strongly."

The Opposition Treasury spokesman, Mr Gordon Brown, responded by saying: "The Chancellor's economic mistakes mean that Britain now has the worst trade deficit in our history and the highest interest rates, as well as the highest inflation rate in Europe." The figures are likely to dominate the economy debate scheduled for Tuesday.

The record October trade deficit and the 1 per cent rise in interest rates sent a shudder through Conservative backbenchers, but there were few signs that it would lead to any concerted pressure for a change in policy by the Chancellor.

Most Tory MPs are prepared to give Mr Lawson the benefit of the doubt and allow time for his interest rate measures to have their predicted effect in damping down demand. Much will depend on the performance of sterling and the reaction of the financial markets.

They also believe that the problems facing the economy will delay Mr Lawson's departure from the Treasury. They think it unlikely he would want to move in a time of economic turmoil.

Last month's record deficit of £2.43 billion compared with a deficit of £594 million in September, revised upwards slightly from the original estimate. But the turnround between the two figures was exaggerated.

The Department of Trade and Industry said that adjustments to the September figures, to allow for the effects of the postal strike, may have added £300 million to exports reducing exports in October by the same amount. There was also a turnaround of £500 million between the two months in the more erratic items such as aircraft and precious stones.

Exports last month fell from £7.54 billion to £6.76 billion and imports rose from £8.64 billion to £9.69 billion.

Looking at the underlying trends, exports have continued to grow with a 4½ per cent increase in volume, excluding oil and erratics, between the last three months and the same period a year ago. Manufactured exports have increased by 7 per cent.

But imports grew at 14 per cent. Within this imports of capital goods increased by 23 per cent.

In the City, the figures which showed a deficit twice as big as expected were greeted with dismay.

## Fears of further mortgage increase

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Mortgage interest rates will almost certainly have to go up from January 1, probably by 0.75 per cent, if the new level of rates remains, building societies forecast yesterday.

They are adopting a "wait and see" policy for the next week or two, and there was some hope expressed by Nationwide Anglia, which said that "as things stand at present, we are quite comfortable. The key is the savings market, and as long as the money comes in there is not the incentive to put up rates."

A spokesman for Nationwide Anglia said that, if it began to lose its share of the savings market, it would have to increase rates, but he pointed out that earlier in the autumn it had maintained their rates below base rates for a month and a half.

Mr John Baylis, managing director of the Abbey National, explained that if rates held at the present level, mortgage rates would have to go up by 0.75 per cent early in January, while Mr Jim Birrell, chief executive of the Halifax, Britain's largest building society, said the possibility of another rise in home loans could not be discounted.

An increase of 0.75 per cent, from 12.75 per cent to 13.5 per cent, would mean an increase in a repayment mortgage from £266.20 a month to £278.10 a month on a £30,000 loan, compared with a monthly repayment of £220.60 last May when the rate was 9.75 per cent. A £50,000 loan would see an increase from £481.20 to £497.70.

An increase would put a further damper on the housing market, which has already slowed down in London and the south-east, and is gradually steadying elsewhere in the country, but the Woolwich said that it was likely to have only a marginal effect on house price increases.

Its view is that it is not mortgage rates, but real incomes which affect house prices. They expect house prices to increase next year by about 10.5 per cent, reduced to just under 10 per cent if mortgage rates rise.



Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, announcing a Midlands businessmen's award yesterday.

## £25,000 damages for raped teacher

By Michael Horsnell

A primary school teacher won an unprecedented legal action for rape damages when she received more than £25,000 in the High Court in Chelmsford, Essex, yesterday.

It was the first time in history a rape victim has sued when her assailant has not previously been convicted in the criminal courts.

The judgement could open the gates to a number of civil actions by rape victims.

The woman, now aged 25, was comforted joyfully by friends after the historic judgement by Mr Justice Caulfield. He told her: "It's been a most painful fight for the plaintiff. Many times she was down and almost out under a determined, painful but properly conducted cross-examination.

"The plaintiff's pain is great and greatly increased by the horrors of this trial and she must be compensated for eventually winning the verdict after the toughest of encounters."

The judge accepted her allegation that she was raped by Kenneth Cain, a physiotherapist, at his surgery in Benfleet, Essex, on December 23 1985 and said she had been attacked in a "furtive, carnal gratification while she was prostrate, passive and a relaxed patient".

He awarded her £25,108 which included aggravated damages for her ordeal but agreed to an application for a stay on payment pending a possible appeal.

Mr Cain, married with three children, who was accompanied by his wife Irene throughout the two-week hearing, held his head in his hands as the judge read his two-hour judgement to a packed court.

He had denied the allegations which the Director of Public Prosecutions had decided in 1986 provided insufficient evidence to launch criminal proceedings.

His victim, who was receiving treatment for a shoulder injury at his surgery, will now have to repay the £6,512 she had received from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, out of her damages.

In his verdict, Mr Justice Caulfield dismissed the claims

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## Terrorist 'bankers' face jail

By Peter Evans and Richard Ford

Swingeing penalties will be available to courts to curb financial aid to terrorism under a Bill published yesterday. New offences under measures to choke off funds will carry with them a maximum sentence of 14 years' imprisonment, or an unlimited fine, or both.

The Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill would make it illegal to join in a plot to provide funds for terrorism or to a proscribed organization.

Dealing in terrorist funds or helping to retain or control them will also be an offence.

The aim is not only to cover funds directly associated with terrorists, but to get at clandestine money or property made available to a lawful business but really to be used for terrorism. And the Bill will also cover money from bank robberies or kidnapping for ransom as part of terrorist operations.

The Bill will enable the authorities to use procedures similar to those employed for tracing, freezing and seizing the assets of drug traffickers.

Under the drugs legislation, more than £10 million of assets have been frozen since the beginning of 1987 and more than £2.5 million confiscated.

The hope is that, under the protection of the law, banks and other institutions will be able to help as much as they have already in tackling drug dealers. Widespread trafficking is being investigated as a result of tip-offs from the respectable financial world.

New powers are to be given to the police to apply to the courts for search warrants to further their investigations. This will enable them to examine bank accounts.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, who will pilot the Bill through the Commons, said in a statement: "Terrorists in today's world need money to procure death.

"Sometimes they run otherwise legitimate enterprises to finance their murders. That is why we intend using the

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## May gives up as selector

eter May, the chairman of e England cricket selectors, igned last night. He had d the post for seven years. y said he felt the time was t for a change and that his ness commitments reed more attention. He was ily criticized during End's run of 18 Tests without a win, a sequence ended by victory over Sri Lanka ugust ..... Page 49

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## Threat to steel privatization

By Carol Ferguson

The success of the £2.5 billion offer for sale of British Steel shares and the future of the Government privatization programme may have been flung into the balance by the record October trade gap.

The steel issue, which only two days ago was regarded as a "steal", was to be the crucial privatization which would restore the public's confidence, following the BP flop a year ago, in readiness for the more difficult water and electricity issues.

City analysts generally said the steep fall in the stock market would deter those institutions and individuals, known as stags, looking for a fast profit, but the low price would still attract genuine investment buyers.

The market tumble could hardly have come at a worse moment for the steel issue, at when most investors would be deciding whether to subscribe. Application lists close next Friday.

Mr Malcolm Roberts, director of stockbrokers Fleming Montagu Stanley, a subsidiary of Robert Fleming & Co, the merchant bank, is advising clients to wait until early next week before deciding. "I think the issue will get away because it is priced so low," he said. "And there will be a premium, but it will be 10-15p, rather than 15-20p."

He said some private clients would be put off, "but there is no better time to demonstrate the risks and rewards of markets, before people get sucked in by the advertising machine".

In the Government camp, there was no doubt that the issue will go ahead. Mr Paul Richards of Samuel Montagu, advisers to the Government, said: "During the BP issue, the market fell by 500 points and it was not pulled — the intention is to proceed."

Mr Robert Miller-Bakewell, analyst at stockbrokers County NatWest WoodMac, said that it was clear Lord Young, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, had priced the issue with the trade figures in mind.

## Big Soviet arms lead revealed

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

Nato governments published figures yesterday proving that the Warsaw Pact holds a huge military advantage in Europe in every area of combat equipment and challenged Moscow to produce its own estimates.

The figures appear in a 28-page report, the most comprehensive aasessment by Nato for four years.

According to Nato, the Warsaw Pact has 51,500 main battle tanks in Europe, compared with Nato's 16,424. Combat aircraft totals are estimated at 8,250 to 3,977 in the Warsaw Pact's favour. The 3.09 million Warsaw Pact personnel compare with Nato's 2.21 million.

The figures were puplished simultaneously in all 16 Nato countries.

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## Labour's Scottish strategy attacked

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

The division within Labour's ranks over how to combat the resurgence of Scottish Nationalism erupted last night with a warning that the party risked losing touch with voters north of the border.

A Labour backbencher attacked the leadership for pursuing a strategy that carried the danger of the party appearing worn and tired by the time of the next General Election.

Meanwhile, a Labour front bench spokesman will today blame the party for allowing the SNP's vision of an independent Scotland within Europe to gain credibility and he will demand that the party launch a major political assault on nationalism.

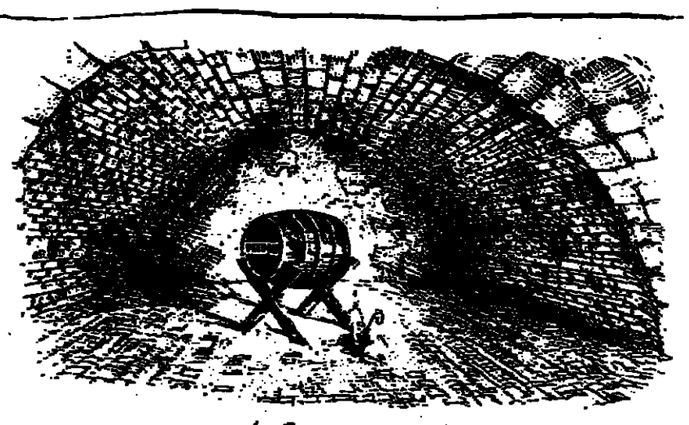
As the inquest into Labour's defeat by the SNP at the Glasgow Govan reverberates throughout the party, the leadership's long-term strategy for Scotland is being questioned by a number of backbenchers fearful of the threat posed by the rise of nationalism.

In his criticism last night Mr Dick Douglas, Labour MP for Dunfermline West, said Labour's official policy of promising devolution within the UK was a high risk strategy which could leave the party looking worn and dated by the time of the next General Election.

He said: "At Govan, despite the exit polls, the concept of going into a general election in two to three years' time and asking the people of Scotland to await the return of a Labour government under the current leadership, looks like playing a well worn '78' which has stuck in a groove. It may give out a tune but this is unlikely to be in harmony with the vocal claims of our fellow Scots."

But today Mr George Foulkes, a Labour foreign affairs spokesman, will urge the party to confront the Scottish Nationalists head-on, increase its criticism of the poll tax and take part enthusiastically rather than cautiously in any constitutional convention.

He will admit that Labour must bear some responsibility for the SNP success but will outline a strategy to expose the Scottish Nationalists' polices as dangerous delusions and promote Labour's devolution alternative. He will tell the party they must take the argument to the nationalists and tackle the central plank of their appeal for an independent Scotland within Europe.



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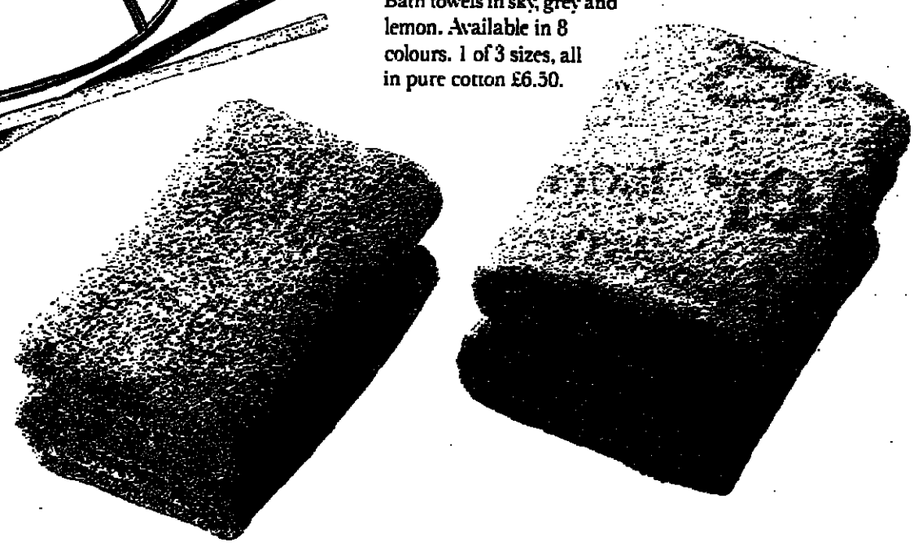
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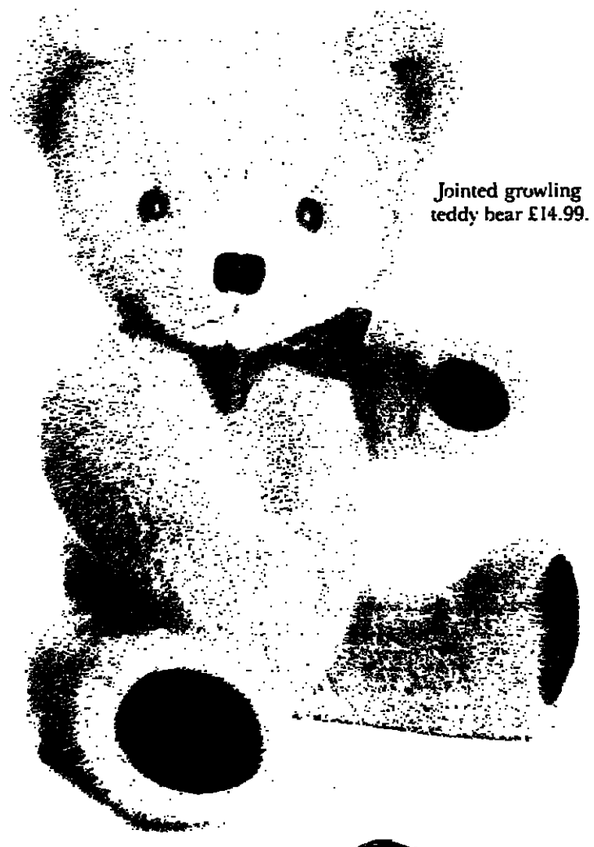


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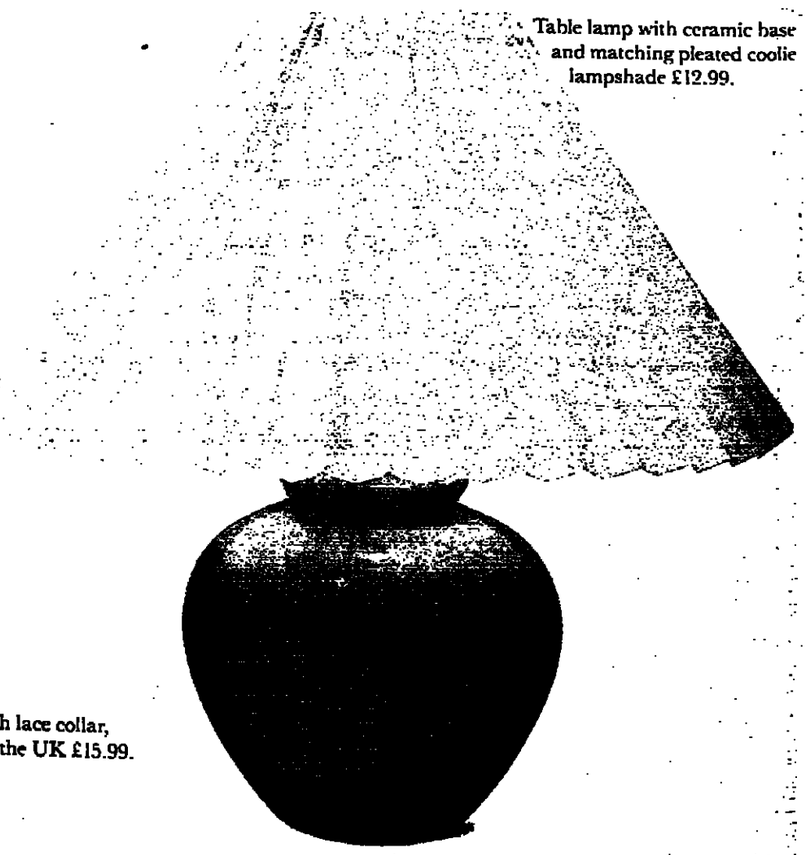


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## Smugglers' ring intended £20m weekly profit

# Three jailed as police foil IRA-Mafia cocaine plot

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard foiled an attempt by the American Mafia and the IRA to flood Britain with cocaine, it emerged last night after three people were sentenced at the Central Criminal Court.

If the link had succeeded, the IRA would have been taking a cut of the profits from the smuggling ring's conspiracy intended to yield £20 million a week.

The plot unfolded on January 30 last year when armed officers arrested David Medin, aged 45, the Detroit Mafia's man in London.

Medin had kept a watch on the suitcase in front of him as his taxi sped through the east London traffic. He was guarding 36 kg of cocaine, provided courtesy of the Mafia, and if all went well huge supplies might soon flood Britain distributed by an underground network, including the IRA.

But Medin was betrayed. The taxi suddenly lurched to a halt, the doors burst open and Drugs Squad detectivesseized the largest cocaine shipment then seen in Britain.

Yesterday three of Medin's colleagues were jailed after being trapped when Medin himself became a turncoat. A fourth man, Dunston Isaac, aged 36, from Isleworth, west London, was cleared.

Medin's partner, John O'Boyle, also from Detroit, was given 18 years. Lloyd Hibbert, aged 46, from east London, and David Raftrey, aged 38, from Twickenham, west London, were each given 10 years' imprisonment as distributors.

Another member of the gang — the man who led police to Medin in the first place — has been given immunity from prosecution in a story riddled with treachery. He, Medin and O'Boyle could now be at risk from the Mafia or Colombian cocaine dealers seeking revenge for the betrayals.

The informer brought down a smuggling ring which might have helped the IRA to raise millions of pounds for investment in fresh arms supplies, wages for units and propaganda. The cocaine was the purest forensic scientists in Britain have ever seen.

As Medin transported the cocaine between hiding places he believed arrangements had been made to meet IRA representatives in Glasgow to hammer out a deal. For the first time the IRA would have been involved in large-scale trafficking.

Bringing to bear the ruthless methods of terrorism, the IRA might have distributed the drug in Britain.

Using a seemingly full-proof smuggling route Medin and his gang could supply 100 kg of cocaine, worth up to £20 million on the streets, each week and their business negotiations included not only terrorists but also organized gangs in the London underworld.

Medin and his colleagues were backed by the power of a Mafia gang based in Detriot which had found cocaine suppliers for the gang in Cochabamba, Bolivia, and vouched for their credit.

The plan was to smuggle the drugs from Bolivia by welding them inside parts of building machinery such as cranes and bulldozers flown back to manufacturers for repair.

The idea was dreamt up by O'Boyle, an equipment dealer, who had met Medin in prison when he was convicted for financial offences.

O'Boyle, brother of the chief of police in a small Mid-West town, had a string of convictions for violence and was linked to the Mafia by American investigators.

For a time he ran a company organizing auctions of heavy plant, working in partnership with a relative of Sal Giacalonni, a leading Mafia figure in Detriot. Police believe the auctions were a means of laundering money.

In 1986 Medin and O'Boyle were working for a computer company when the cocaine plan was formulated. O'Boyle would handle the smuggling and Medin would deal with distribution and hiding the profits.

With the help of the Mafia, O'Boyle negotiated consignments of cocaine from one of the main Bolivian suppliers, a family called Lopez. The original aim was to import the drugs into the US but the gang realized the market was already flooded.

The gang then turned to Britain. Medin set up two companies to launder the money — at an expected rate of £1 million a week — and in December 1986 the first consignment totalling 60 kg, worth about £14 million, came into Britain hidden inside the push-arms of a bulldozer.

O'Boyle knew that parts returning for repair were allowed through by Customs normally without checks and the bulldozer parts were taken to a warehouse in Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

A few days later two representatives of the Lopez family arrived in London to oversee their consignment. At a Knightsbridge hotel they met criminals from south London interested in distribution.

The drugs were cut out of the arms, the majority was hidden in Essex by O'Boyle and distribution got underway. Hibbert supplied 2 kg to contacts and Raftrey, an office manager, was a main distributor.

Unfortunately he was inefficient, as keen on using the drug himself as he was on selling it. At one stage O'Boyle threatened him and kept him locked up in a hotel for two weeks. Meanwhile attempts continued to find the big buyers.

Medin later told the police he was informed by "Detriot" that there were four buyers and one would be the IRA. The Irish terrorist link was identified in evidence from the US.

But neither O'Boyle nor Medin knew they were marked men. Peter McNeil, a Londoner in his 30s, was part of the distribution group and had taken fright.

Driving O'Boyle to Chesterfield McNeil, a car dealer, thought he was being followed and decided to go to the police.

According to police McNeil — held in Colombia in 1985 linked to allegations involving the supply of cocaine worth £70 million to Britain — approached the Drugs Squad, seeking a reward.

The informer disclosed that Medin wanted to come to Britain and provided detectives with the information of his trip and arrival.

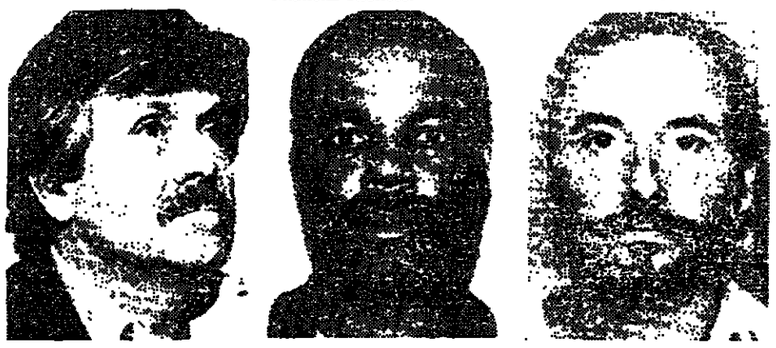
However, when Operation Gannet, the police investigation, climaxed with Medin's arrest, McNeil was suddenly compromised. The American unexpectedly agreed to help the police.

They discovered from Medin that McNeil had had a larger role than detectives had realized and was a senior figure in arranging distribution.

The Director of Public Prosecutions gave him immunity on the basis that the public interest would not be served by his prosecution because of the help he had provided.

Police believe a price has been put on Medin's head but that O'Boyle had been forgiven by the Mafia.

● The first consignment worth £14m arrived in Britain hidden in a bulldozer ●



Central characters in the cocaine plot: John O'Boyle, Lloyd Hibbert and David Raftrey.

# Champagne lady champion

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Mrs Carolyn Eddery, the wife of Pat Eddery the jockey, celebrating becoming Britain's champion lady amateur jockey for the second year running when she was awarded her weight in champagne at a presentation at the Waldorf Hotel, London, yesterday. Mrs Eddery, aged 30, received 30 bottles, which is the equivalent to her weight of eight stone.

## Channel tunnel rail link

# 20 firms may prepare bids

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

More than 20 companies and consortia have disclosed an interest in bidding for the building of a £1 billion 180mph rail link between London and the Channel tunnel.

Three weeks ago, British Rail invited private sector companies to register an interest in taking part in the project. One source said that almost from the first day, applications rolled in at Lazard Brothers, the merchant bankers handling the matter for British Rail, and they are continuing.

It is believed that those showing interest include companies with big civil engineering interests, such as Trafalgar House, Taylor Woodrow and Costain, a number of merchant banks, and firms of consulting engineers.

Initially these companies are being asked to demonstrate the financial and technical capability to persuade British Rail that they could to the job.

Those not already grouped in consortia will look for partners. The chosen groupings will be invited by the end of March to put forward proposals for building, owning and maintaining the high speed route between London and Folkestone. British Rail will specify the line of the route and will retain ownership of the rolling stock. The line should be confined to passenger services.

Neither British Rail nor the Government will underwrite the financing. British Rail will pay to use the line, and payment will be related to passenger revenue.

The possibility of a private line has arisen because British Rail forecasts that potential traffic does not justify a new line this century. Mr Alastair Morton, co-chairman of Eurotunnel, believes traffic will ensue.

# Treasure ship to be raised

Perth (AFP) — An archaeological expedition to the Malaccan Straits off Sumatra hopes to recover treasure worth billions of pounds from a sunken Portuguese galleon, according to the *West Australian* newspaper.

It said that Dr Paul Andel, of Perth, and his Italian partner, Signor Bruno de Vincentis, a diamond merchant, had completed eight months of negotiations with the governments of Indonesia and the Malaysian state of Malacca for permission to recover the treasure.

The agreement was for a three-way split between the two governments and the consortium mounting the recovery. The treasure ship, Flor de la Mar, foundered in a storm off Sumatra in 1512, laden with plunder from the rich Malaccan Sultanate.

The cargo, now estimated to be worth £5.5 billion, is said to include life-size solid gold lions with rubies for eyes and diamonds for claws and a queen's throne of solid gold which is encrusted with precious stones. Dr Andel had spent 10 years researching the location of the galleon and tracing records in Portugal, Spain, Italy, and South-East Asia before finding it by infrared satellite imagery.

# China counts cost of rodents

Peking (AFP) — Rodents eat 15 million tonnes of grain a year in China and the problem is getting worse, Professor Zhu Jing, a zoologist said.

He said that rats, mice, squirrels and other rodents affected 84 million acres of crops last year, five times more than in 1981.

# Nuclear sit-in

Hiroshima (AFP) — One hundred atomic-bomb survivors and citizens of Hiroshima staged an hour-long sit-in to protest against Soviet and French nuclear tests carried out this week.

# Elephant out

Lagos (Reuter) — Nigeria Airways, burdened by debts and a reputation for inefficiency, is to drop its flying elephant logo, in use for 30 years, in favour of a soaring eagle.

# Nepal gesture

Kathmandu (Reuter) — King Birendra of Nepal has met a senior leader of the banned Nepali Congress Party, Mr Ganeshman Singh, for the first time in 28 years to discuss fundamental political issues.

## Cotswolds development

# Locals fight plan for waterside village

By Andrew Morgan

Villagers in the Cotswolds were last night preparing to fight plans by the Granada Group to develop a £85 million waterside holiday complex.

The development, for up to 3,500 guests, would be alongside gravel pits which are home to wildfowl, close to the source of the Thames in Gloucestershire.

The planned development would be on a 400-acre site near Lower Mill Farm to the south of Somerford Keynes, near Cirencester, which is in the constituency of Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment. An action group has already written to him but there has been no detailed reply yet.

The proposals for the site are for 600 lodges and a 70-suite hotel, giving a capacity of 3,460 beds and an estimated staff of 400. Opponents claim that traffic flows have been underestimated and argue with claims by Granada that only 10 per cent of guests will use their cars during a stay.

Residents of Ashton Keynes, Minety and Oaksey also claim there would be extra strain through traffic and noise.

Some eight lakes on the site, which is owned by the Amey Roadstone Corporation (ARC), would be incorporated in the development. Water would cover 160 acres and conservationists claim that wintering and breeding wildfowl would be disturbed and the proposed flooding of another area would cause damage to aquatic bird colonies.

ARC at present manages one lake as a nature reserve but this would be drained. There are plans to upgrade another lake into a nature reserve but opponents say that it would be too close to the complex.

Sir Theodore Brinckman, who lives in Somerford Keynes, said: "This complex would ruin a site of great wildlife interest. All the water walks would be barred to non-guests. The scale of the complex is monstrously wrong and it would ruin the peace and tranquility of the area, with people coming here in droves in all seasons."

Mr Max Pearce, managing director of Park Hall, the Granada subsidiary applying for planning permission, said that local residents would benefit from an end to all extraction work and the improvement in local nature reserves and leisure facilities.

# Drive for air control recruits

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Many more air traffic control cadets are to be recruited next year to release trained staff to work on key radar positions.

The Civil Aviation Authority is to recruit 140 cadets next year compared with 30 in 1987 and 80 in 1988. That will free up to 70 trained controllers to work on busy radar screens and improve manning levels in the flow management unit, while the trainees take over some of the support work.

The problems of staff shortages within the air traffic control service has become acute and has led to critical comments in the draft report by the Department of Transport's air accident investigation branch into a near miss over the Channel.

Depsite a sharp increase in traffic, the number of controllers available has fallen from 350 in 1985 to the current 294.

The authority said yesterday that the increase in controllers was part of its 10-year, £600 million investment plan to meet air traffic growth.

● Richard Branson, the chairman of Virgin Airways, is considering building a full engineering base at Gatwick airport to maintain Virgin Atlantic's fleet of Boeing 747s.

# Six facing £32m plot charges

Six men alleged to have attempted a £32 million bank fraud by sending a bogus telex to Switzerland appeared before Guildhall justices yesterday.

They are said to have tried to transfer the money from the Union Bank of Switzerland in London to an account with the Credit Suisse Bank in June this year.

They were charged after a five-month investigation by the City Police serious fraud squad.

A seventh man has been questioned and released on bail. Two others are being held in Switzerland.

The six who appeared in court yesterday were charged with conspiracy to defraud and bailed until January 6.

They are Mr Michael Kelsey, aged 29, of Boston Avenue, Hornchurch, London, his brother Robert, aged 19, of the George Inn, Enfield, London, a former employee at the London branch of the Swiss bank; Mr Shayeed Naeem Butt 32, of West Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex; Gregory Lawrence, 39, of Epping Road, Epping, Essex; Michael Turner, 30, of Stevenage Road, Waltham, Hertfordshire, and Floyd Lewsey, 31, of Oakhill Gardens, Woodford, Essex.


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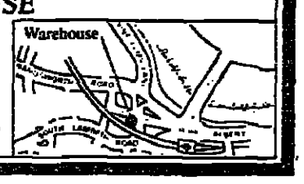
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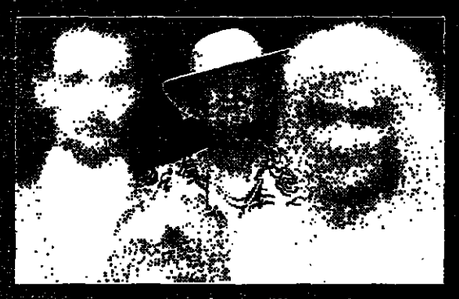
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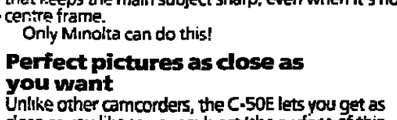


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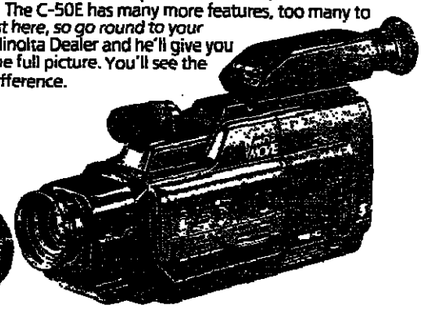


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NEWS ROUNDUP

## MPs may stiffen Commons rules

Penalties for MPs who ignore the rules of the Commous may be increased in an effort to improve behaviour in the Chamber.

Incidents during the last session led to concern among Ministers and government backbenchers that premeditated attempts were being made to flout the rules by using unparliamentary language.

Several Conservative backbenchers have proposed that MPs should have their pay docked for bad behaviour but the Government opposes that, saying that even though an MP may be barred from the House for period, his duties as a member remain and that 'fining' would be an inappropriate way of dealing with the issue.

Instead, a debate on Commons procedure next Wednesday is likely to focus on the possibility of increasing the length of time an MP can be suspended from the House for a 'first offence'. At present the figure is five days, the second twenty days and the third for the remainder of the term.

## Evans interviewed

Welsh detectives yesterday had their first interview with David Evans, aged 31, the runaway Briton held in France on suspicion of the murder of the schoolgirl Anna Humphries. Mr Evans, from Bettisfield, North Wales, was interviewed in the presence of a French magistrate by Detective Chief Inspector Colin Edwards and Detective Sergeant Phillip Thomson. Meanwhile, Mr Evans's French solicitor, Mr Leslie Evans, complained that he could not see his client before the police interview.Anna, aged 15, disappeared on November 8 at Penley on the Wales-Shropshire border.

## £½ m gift to research

The Scottish Hospital Endowments Research Trust last year spent more than £½ million on medical research projects into the cause, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of major illnesses. The figure was 20 per cent up on the previous year, said Sir Andrew Kay, the trust's chairman. He added: "Legacies and donations continue to play an important role in the finances of the Trust." Mr Michael Forsyth, the Scottish health minister, said: "The trust has an important role in providing supplementary funding for medical research."

## Damages for violinist

Erick Friedman, the American concert violinist, was given a public apology and substantial agreed libel damages in London yesterday by the author and publishers of a book which described his style as a "slavish imitation" of Jascha Heifetz's. Mr Justice Michael Davies was told in the High Court that Mr Friedman's embarrassment was heightened by the attribution to him of remarks he never made about Heifetz. Artur Weschler-Vered, the author, and Robert Hale, the publishers, agreed to pay undisclosed damages and costs.

## Sorting office fire

Arsonists were believed to have been responsible for two fires which caused hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of damage yesterday at the Royal Mail's sorting office in Birmingham, the largest in Europe. More than 300 parcels, many sent in time for Christmas, were thought to have been destroyed in the fire in the main parcel handling section. It is the latest in a series of fires at the office in recent months.

## Soldiers' homes plea

Changes in the tax laws to allow soldiers to take part in the expansion of home ownership while serving abroad and living on bases were called for yesterday by Mr Julian Brazier, Conservative MP for Canterbury. A growing number of soldiers would leave the Army rather than miss getting a step on the property ladder, unless the Government acted to alter income tax regulations.

# More private civil actions likely in rape cases

By Michael Horsnell, Howard Foster and Frances Gibb

The Director of Public Prosecutions, who decided against prosecution of Kenneth Cain, the physiotherapist, in 1986 after reviewing the evidence, is unlikely to reconsider the case.

However, yesterday's judgement could trigger a spate of similar claims where there may not be sufficient evidence to mount a criminal prosecution. But lawyers are uncertain whether this will happen because the defendant has to have enough money to be worth suing.

The main advantage of going through the civil court is the lower standard of proof required. A judge has to be satisfied "on the balance of probabilities" that the claim is correct whereas in the criminal court a jury has to be satisfied "beyond reasonable doubt".

The victim, a shy and sexually naive person by her own admission who lives with her parents in Basildon, Essex, broke down frequently while giving evidence.

At the time of her ordeal she was in her third year at Essex Institution of Higher Education studying for a Bachelor of Education degree when she sustained a shoulder injury while weightlifting at a squash club.

For up to three months she attended Mr Cain's "clinic" in South Benfleet, Essex, paying £6 a session two or three times a week for physiotherapy.

She alleged she was indecently assaulted five days before the rape but persisted in keeping her fatal appointment at 2.30pm on December 23, 1985 for fear of her father demanding why she should want to end her treatment with Mr Cain.

At the centre, where Mr Cain had three narrow cubicles separated only by curtains, she said she was raped, endured another indecent assault and at one stage fell off the couch, crashing into some equipment.

But she did not report her ordeal for two weeks through fear of her father's reaction and saw police only on January 10 1986 after friends and staff at her college persuaded her.

By that time forensic evidence was unobtainable and the case against Mr Cain was dropped after the DPP had studied a police dossier.

Documents on her case, however, were automatically forwarded by Essex police to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. Last March the teacher received an award of £6,512 — one of the factors which encouraged her to start civil action. Essex police said last night that they did dnot intend to take any further action.

She did not have to prove the identity of her attacker to the board. All that was needed was for the assault to be reported as a crime and then for one member of the board, a QC, to be convinced of the evidence submitted by herself, the police and a doctor, that there had been a rape, even though it had not been sufficient evidence to convince a jury.

The teacher, a tall short-haired blonde who was advised not to find a teaching post until the case was over, sought aggravated damages because of Mr Cain's abuse of a professional relationship.

Mr Cain, married with three children, from Benfleet, had gone into practice three years before the assault after taking football association courses in sports injuries.

He had no qualifications as a physiotherapist but advertised physiotherapy at his clinic, Sports Aid Injury Services, and called himself a remedial therapist. Nevertheless, he treated professional footballers, notably from Southend United FC.

Nine witnesses told the court they had received treatment from him in the afternoon in which she was raped and heard nothing untoward.

The defence claimed through Dr Gerald Silverman, the eminent consultant psychiatrist, that she probably fantasized the ordeal but the judge preferred the evidence of Dr Philip Connell that she was raped.

The judgement is seen by experts in private civil litigation as the first of many similar cases.

The case was unique as the first rape case in British legal history in which a civil claim for damages was heard without the defendant first being successfully prosecuted in the criminal court.

# Visit by the Queen to Russia very unlikely

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

The Government believes it is highly unlikely that President Mikhail Gorbachov will invite the Queen to make an historic visit to the Soviet Union when he arrives in Britain next month.

Government officials believe that if Mr Gorbachov had intended to extend such an invitation, Kremlin diplomats would have made discreet inquiries in Moscow and London to discover the likely reaction in Whitehall and at Buckingham Palace.

A senior source said yesterday that there was no indication of any invitation

The source added: "If Mr Gorbachov or anybody else was thinking of issuing one when he came here, one would have thought that soundings would have been taken by the Soviet Union and there have been none".

Government sources are denying that any discussions have taken place between the Government and Soviet Embassy in London, or through the British Embassy in Moscow, over the question of an invitation to the Queen.

They accept that the Russians could suddenly offer an invitation during Mr Gorbachov's visit from December 12-14 but consider it unlikely.

The publicity over reports that Mrs Thatcher intended to veto a possible State visit to Moscow make it almost inconceivable that the Soviet Union would risk the diplomatic embarrassment that would be caused if they were to issue an invitation to the Queen. Senior sources said they had received no indication either through the Soviet Embassy in London or through the British Embassy in Moscow of any "displeasure or any comment" from Mr Gorbachov or any Russian about stories in last weekend's newspapers saying the Prime Minister did not want the Queen to go to the Soviet Union.

Yesterday Mrs Thatcher sent a curt reply to the Labour leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, who had demanded that she clarify her statement that the matter of an invitation had not been addressed with reports that she would advise the Queen against visiting the Soviet Union.

The Prime Minister said bluntly: "My response to questions in the House of Commonson on Tuesday was absolutely clear

Final details of Mr Gorbachov's visit have yet to be released but the Soviet President and his wife, Raisa, will arrive at Heathrow airport after 11pm on December 12th, where they will be met by Mrs Thatcher.

He will leave in the early afternoon of December 14th after holding three seperate rounds of talks with the Prime Minister while his wife is likely to be accompanied on a series of her own engagements by Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education.

The furthest Mr Gorbachov and his wife are expected to travel from London, where they will stay at the Soviet Embassy or Soviet Ambassador's residence, is Chequers, the official country residence of the Prime Minister.

# Friends mourn bomb victim Emma

CRISPIN RODWELL



Schoolfriends of Emma Donnelly, aged 13, murdered by an IRA bomb on Wednesday, at her funeral yesterday.

By Bob Rodwell

A Roman Catholic bishop said yesterday the Provisional IRA's excuses for the murder of an Ulster pensioner and his grand-daughter in a bomb explosion on Wednesday were "hollow and bordering on the obscene".

Dr James Lennon, the auxiliary Bishop of Armagh, speaking at the joint funeral of Mr Bernard Lavery, aged 67, and Emma Donnelly, aged 13, said he would like to meet the men who had planned and carried out the killings.

They should be made to stand where he was standing to see the grief that was eating out the hearts of the bereaved families, the bishop said.

More than a thousand mourners lined the main street of Benburb, Co Tyrone, scene of the bombing, as the joint cortege drove to St Jarlath's church at Clonfeacle, where the two were buried side-by-side.

On the journey the cortege, several hundred yards long, paused for a few moments' silence outside the shattered RUC station on the edge of the village.

It was there that Mr Lavery, Benburb's lollypop man, and his grand-daughter died instantly when his car was blown 70 yards into a field by the explosion of an IRA 500lb van bomb.

● The widow of an Ulster Catholic who was shot dead in mistake for his brother, a Sinn Fein councillor, on Thursday night gave birth to their sixth child early yesterday, four hours after the murder and two months prematurely.

She had not been told of the killing of Mr Phelim McNally, aged 28, of Coagh, Co Tyrone, until after the delivery when the news was broken by her parish priest.

Mr McNally had visited his wife in maternity hospital on Thursday evening and on his way home called on his brother Francis, a Sinn Fein member of Cookstown District Council.

While alone in his brother's kitchen he was hit by two sustained bursts of automatic fire through the window and is thought to have died instantly.

● Stephen Harbinson, aged 27, a member of the Ulster Defence Association, was jailed for life yesterday for murdering a Protestant who was mistaken for a Roman Catholic. He had armed the gunman who killed Mr Adam Lambert, aged 19, on a building site in a revenge killing for the IRA's Enniskillen atrocity in November last year.

The murder was the only one of five planned attacks to succeed, Belfast Crown Court heard.

Lord Justice Kelly said: "Of all the countless, needless murders committed in this province, the murder of Mr Lambert was one of the most tragic".

Harbinson, of Highfield Drive, Belfast, denied murder, but admitted involvement in the four other murder conspiracies and was also given concurrent sentences ranging from 12 to 17 years.

John McClatchey, aged 19, another UDA member, of Highpark Drive, Belfast, who hid the murder weapon, was jailed for 14 years, and Gerard Butler, aged 32, also of Highfield Drive, was jailed for 10 years for having a shotgun.

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## Chess draw for Russia

England is in second place place each with 25.5 points. behind the Soviet Union after round 10 of the Chess Olympiad being played in Salonica, Greece.

England beat East Germany 2.5-1.5 closing on the Russians who were held to a 2-2 draw by Hungary.

The Soviet Union has 29 points out of a possible 40 while England has 26.

The United States and Yugoslavia are in joint third place each with 25.5 points. The US beat the Philippines 2.5-1.5 while Yugoslavia had a 3-1 victory over Sweden. China and Hungary share fifth place with 25 points.

The Soviet Union also leads the women's section with 25 points out of 30, ahead of Hungary with 23.5 points.

The score in the match between the US and England is 1.5-0.5 with one game adjourned.

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# PARLIAMENT

# Howe scorns propaganda showcase

The Soviet Union must provide clear evidence that it intended its improvement of human rights to be permanent before the United Kingdom would take part in a human rights conference, as Russia wished. Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in the Commons.

His other specific conditions were that human rights must be respected as of right, and there must be open conditions for the conference.

Resuming the debate on the Queen's Speech, he said: We are not prepared to take part in a propaganda showcase.

Not to set and insist on such comprehensive conditions would be to deny all the efforts made over the years on behalf of those in the Soviet Union seeking their basic freedom. Western firmness had helped rather than hindered dialogue by establishing a clear framework within which both sides could work.

President Gorbachov was promoting a revolution of his own, whose impact was being felt far beyond the Soviet Union's borders. This was a time of great opportunity for constructive action by the United Kingdom in foreign affairs — opportunity to shape the destiny of Europe in the approach to 1992 and beyond; opportunity to shape the direction of what might be a new era in East-West relations.

"If we have reached a new beginning, it is one that Britain has helped to bring about."

He looked forward to President Gorbachov's third visit to the UK next month. "Discussions with him are always lively, in marked contrast to his predecessors." It was refreshing, with Mr Gorbachov and Mr Shevardnadze, to be able to explore, and often diminish, differences frankly and openly.

"The Labour Party remain firmly shackled to unilateralism. They fundamentally misunderstand, or wilfully ignore, the role deterrence plays in our defence. Mr Gorbachov, for all his talk of a nuclear-free world, is happy to leave unilateralism to others.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, said that Britain was no longer a super power; it was not even a major power. But as an important regional power it had unprecedented influence.

"It has to be said the influence available to us is mostly unused and where it is used mostly misused."

It was not the fault of the Foreign Secretary or Foreign Office. It was the fault of the shadow Foreign Secretary who loomed over the Foreign Office from the building on the other side of Downing Street — the shadow of the most interfering, meddlesome, negative and baneful Prime Minister that the Foreign Office has ever had to put up with.

"She goes marching around the world ever alert for the pop of a flash bulb. Her overseas travels are one long quest for the next photo opportunity. The record in foreign affairs of the Prime Minister cannot be found in the Statesman of the Year book but in the Thatcher family photograph album."

She had gone to Poland and lectured the government on a real dialogue with all sections of society — this from a Prime Minister who never had a dialogue with any section of society in this country, most especially not her own Cabinet. The press was still full of reverberations about Mr Bernard Ingham's briefing to journalists about the Prime Minister's wish to ban a visit to the Soviet Union by the Queen.

"Of course, it is natural for the Prime Minister, after her own pseudo-regal progress through Russia last year, to wish to conceal from the Soviet people that we in this country have a thinking and extremely popular monarch and that the Prime Minister herself is only a jumped-up and impertinent pretender. The problem is that the Prime Minister's court is a good deal more presumptuous and arrogant than anyone connected with Buckingham Palace could ever be.

"It is time that that gang of placemen were put thoroughly in their place."

While the Prime Minister strutted about the world stage "like a Walter Mitty megalomaniac" the poor old Foreign Secretary was left to pick up the pieces.

"Trying to smooth out the offence that the Prime Minister gives wherever she goes, and to sort out the confusion that she creates, the Foreign Secretary, in charge of one of the best foreign offices and one of the best diplomatic services in the world, has been reduced by the Prime Minister to the role of the man who comes along with the shovel at the end of the Lord Mayor's procession."

Mr Julian Amery (Brighton, Pavilion, C) said that the bitterness and waspishness of Mr Kaufman's attack on the Prime Minister could only be explained by the sense of frustration of eight years in opposition.

Mr Denis Healey (Leeds East, Lab) said that the Prime Minister was now seen throughout the world as a major obstacle to progress in the Common Market; in East-West relations; in the Western Europe Union.

He had tried hard for many years to understand her. There was a medical name for the condition from which she suffered: cognitive dissonance.

"It is a psychiatric condition in which the patient finds it impossible to accept a reality which conflicts with her own prejudices or offends her own vanity. One of the most famous politicians to suffer from it was Monsieur Robespierre during the French Revolution, an analogy which MPs of an historical bent might find worth exploring.

"I have compared her with Florence Nightingale because she stalks through the wards of our hospitals as the lady with a lamp. Unfortunately, it is a blow lamp. (Loud laughter)

It was astonishing how the right-wing press had been persuaded by Mr Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's chief press secretary, that Mrs Thatcher was now the key to world peace, a bridge between Washington and Moscow.

Mr Gorbachov was visiting many other state leaders before Mrs Thatcher, who had to take second place to President Castro.

"Some of us have always regarded Mrs Thatcher as the Castro of the western world — an embarrassment to all her friends. All she lacks is a beard."

# Health minister says union leaders misleading nurses

Trade union leaders in the nurses dispute were misleading their members over regrading and the Labour Party was backing industrial action, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, said in the Commons. The root of the dispute was left-wing politics, he said.

Mr Robin Cook, chief Opposition spokesman on health, had asked Mr Clarke what action he proposed to take to end the disruption following the breakdown of talks with Acas.

Mr Clarke: This is in the hands of the trade unions, particularly the two unions attempting to organize industrial action. I regret that they made it clear in talks with Acas that they were unwilling to end industrial action and were seeking to reopen talks on the basis on which the regrading exercise was carried out.

The regrading exercise has been completed and the largest real pay rise for nurses and midwives in the history of the National Health Service will be in this month's pay cheques.

Mr Cook said that the staff were willing to call off industrial action if the management would enter into discussions on the points in dispute.

The talks broke down because the management refused to negotiate even if the industrial action was called off. They made clear that they were acting on ministerial instructions.

Mr Clarke said that Nupe and Cohse wished to discuss the basis upon which the exercise had been conducted, particularly for untrained auxiliaries. They wanted a reinterpretation of the grading for auxiliaries who had received pay increases of between 7.6 per cent and 9.4 per cent, worth around £500.

The unions' aim was to abolish this grade and get everyone into the next grade which would mean increases of £1,500 a year, or 33 per cent and more. The unions were prepared to foment industrial action by misleading members into believing that that was properly their due.

"The Labour Party are not trying to be helpful but are taking every opportunity to try to encourage industrial action, which is not in fact very widespread."

Sir Barney Hayhoe (Brentford and Isleworth, C) said that there was no justification for Cohse and Nupe to take industrial action which was damaging to patients. The Labour Party seemed intent on encouraging that action in the interest of their own sordid politics rather than patient care.

Mr Clarke agreed that Opposition spokesmen had visited hospitals where industrial action was taking place with the obvious intention of encouraging more to join.

Mr Menzies Campbell (North East Fife, Dem) said that the sense of responsibility of many nurses who had no desire to strike should be rewarded by sympathetic consideration, otherwise there was a risk of long-lasting crisis in the service.

Mr Clarke said that there were bound to be disappointments when some discovered that they were on lower grades than their colleagues. Unions had made no attempt to discover the basis of grading but had encouraged appeals by nurses who had been graded correctly. He was prepared to discuss with the RCN, and other unions not taking industrial action, whether the appeals procedure dealt with grievances in a fair and civilized fashion.

Mr Jeremy Corbyn Islington, North, Lab) said that the basis of the dispute was the devious statement by Mr Clarke when he cash-limited the pay rise by a spurious grading exercise.

Mr Clarke replied that the root of the dispute was left-wing politics.

Next week at Westminster

# Brown leads Labour economic attack

One of Labour's rising frontbench stars will get an opportunity to lift his party's morale next week when he leads the attack on the Government's handling of the economy (Richard Ford writes).

MPs on all sides will relish the chance to watch Mr Gordon Brown mount a challenge to the Chancellor's record when a debate on economic affairs ends discussion on the Queen's Speech on Tuesday.

His attack on the Government's record in a debate at the end of October was regarded on both sides as one of the most effective from Labour for some time and secured him top place in the election to the Shadow Cabinet.

The debate on the economy and its future prospects will dominate Westminster next week with Mr Nigel Lawson under growing attack for his stewardship. The economy will also be the focus of a hearing by the Treasury and Civil Service select committee. Mr Lawson, the Chancellor, will appear before it on Wednesday to be questioned about the Autumn Statement.

On Monday MPs will have an opportunity to question Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, on proposals for water privatization and the Government's record on green issues during a debate on environment and industry.

Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, an outgoing EEC commissioner, will appear before the environment select committee to discuss toxic waste.

MPs on the Defence select committee will attempt to discover the Government's intentions on the future of the Brigade of Gurkhas when officials from the Ministry of Defence and Foreign and Commonwealth Office give evidence to them.

In the Commons on the same day, MPs will discuss procedure including the use of the guillotine on debates and punishment for unruly MPs.

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## Ridley pays tribute to transformation of blackened Tyne and Wear riversides

# Vision of the future brings new life to an industrial wasteland

*Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, visited Newcastle upon Tyne yesterday to announce an increase in funding for the Tyne and Wear Development Corporation. Peter Davenport assesses the progress of its scheme to regenerate the banks of the North-east's two main waterways.*

It is little more than a year since Mr Alistair Balls took up his post as chief executive of the Tyne and Wear Development Corporation with the daunting task of regenerating some 24 miles of waterfront largely scarred with the legacy of industrial decline.

He realized it would be a complex and lengthy operation with the hope, perhaps, of one or two small schemes getting under way in the first twelve months. Progress has, he admits, taken him aback.

"When I look at what we have achieved, I am staggered. We have all been overwhelmed."

Yesterday's announcement by Mr Ridley that next year's funding for the corporation is to be increased from £23 million to £34 million is seen as a mark of government approval and a vote of confidence for the future.

Mr Ridley, speaking at Newcastle Guild Hall, said that when he visited the area two years ago the enthusiasm and will to succeed were there but little had been translated into action.

"In 12 months the picture has totally changed: A catalogue of ambitious projects to transform the riverbank areas of Tyne and Wear are already under way."

Mr Balls said: "A cash boost of this size is tremendous news. It means projects like the Newcastle Business Park will become realities that much sooner."

Mr Balls, previously a government Civil Servant in the region, and his team are pursuing half a dozen major developments which embrace new hotels, business parks, leisure facilities, marinas and mixed housing schemes.

On each scheme, developers are invited to submit proposals and costings which are subject topublic consultation, a process Mr Balls regards as vital to ensuring the support of the communities whose environment he is changing.

There has been no shortage of firms seeking to become the preferred developer; the decision of a locally based, national house builder to develop a riverside village on the site of an old dock, seems to have provided the impetus for a series of investment decisions by other developers.

Indeed, the last proposal, to turn 80 acres of waterfront on the Wear in Sunderland into a business park, attracted about 30 companies.

A decision on the future of the North East Shipbuilders' yards in the town is expected within a few weeks. Closure will mean the direct loss of 2,000 jobs, with 4,000 at risk in linked industries.

The success of the development corporation in bolstering the town's image and self-confidence in such circumstances would be vital for future prosperity.

In the last year the corporation has agreed property development worth £250 million, with a further £500 million in prospect and the potential for 5,000 new jobs, along the rivers. Half a dozen new business investments will bring another 2,000 jobs.

For every £1 of public money the corporation commits to schemes, it is levering £4 from the private sector.

Many of the sites within the 6,000-acre territory of the development corporation had access problems and were unattractive, scarred by industries that had disappeared. Some £10 million has been spent on acquiring land.

A key element in the changing face of the Tyne waterfront has been improvements in the condition of the river by the water authority with a £500 million sewer scheme.

A display of all the plans for the Tyne has been mounted in the Guild Hall, on the north bank of the river close to the centre of Newcastle. The location itself is a testimony to the new attractiveness of the waterfront, Mr Balls says, as only a few years ago a public inquiry there had to be regularly abandoned because of the stench from the river.

Competition between the various development corporations, set up around the country to improve and revive difficult and run down areas, to make their mark is understandable.

Mr Balls and his team may not have been among those broadcasting their achievements the loudest but now they are confident they have something to shout about.

For a century, he said, the Tyne and the Wear were regarded purely as industrial rivers, places to work, not live or play – filthy, dirty and the backyards of the communities they served.

"Each of the areas to be developed is different but the common thread is that we are going to make the rivers the focus of the communities again as they used to be.

DOUG HALL



Mr Alistair Balls and Newcastle's four bridges: "We are going to make the rivers the focus of the communities again."

# Brewers join fight on drink abuse

By Kerry Gill

Brewers are to cut the price of low alcohol drinks as part of the continuing campaign against alcohol abuse, according to Dr Marsha Morgan, senior research fellow at the Royal Free Hospital, north London.

Dr Morgan was speaking at a symposium, "Alcohol – a Cause for Concern", at the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh. She said that after a meeting with the Brewers' Society, it had agreed to a substantial reduction in the price of low alcohol drinks.

She also said that over the past few years doctors themselves had been showing much greater responsibility over alcohol. Water was now more likely to be the tipple at professional dinners.

Since the 1960s, doctors had removed themselves from the top end of the table for liver disease, said Dr Jonathon Chick, of Edinburgh University. "Twenty-years ago the incidence of alcohol-related liver disease in doctors was three times the average. Now it is just a little above the average rate."

Both doctors said that patients were now more likely to seek advice on alcohol problems from their own doctors and such advice worked better than publicity campaigns.

# Shetlanders await £120m oil payout

By Kerry Gill

In the luxurious surroundings of the Busta House Hotel on Shetland on Monday, the islands' 23,400 population will finally be told how much money the oil giant BP has agreed to pay in back rent for the Sullom Voe oil terminal.

The cash, as yet a secret sum, is understood to be £120 million. That represents about £5,128.20 for every man, woman and child in a group of islands where the standard of living is one of the highest in Britain.

The first oil began flowing into the Sullom Voe terminal exactly 10 years ago yesterday, but ever since, Shetland Islands Council has been engaged in a wrangle with BP over rent for the sprawling plant. The terminal was let without a lease.

Essentially, BP has argued that it should pay rent based on the value of the land, formerly a windswept mass of useless peat, while the council has claimed that the rent should be calculated on the existence of an oil terminal, which now employs 600 people.

The council has said that rent should be pegged at £100 million a year since oil began flowing on November 25 1978. Not a penny has been handed over.

This week, an agreement between the council and BP was finally reached, but no details have been published. It is, nevertheless, widely believed that BP has offered a package of £120 million as well as benefits such as investment in a development agency for Shetlanders when oil ceases to flow.

Monday's revelation, however, is expected to be an embarrassment for the council, which had hoped for £1 billion to ensure the future prosperity of the Shetland Islands when the North Sea oil era ends.

Such a payment would have been equivalent to nearly £43,000 for each member of the community.

Mr Peter Guy, of the Sullom Voe terminal, said: "We are very pleased to say that we have reached agreement with Shetland Islands Council."

Rates from the terminal account for two thirds of the islands' £45 million annual income, but there are widespread fears that Sullom Voe could be demolished by the end of this century.

Without the massive big income Shetland could be forced to go cap in hand to the Government and plead for a substantial increase in rate support grant. The amount of oil processed through Sullom Voe has been falling over the past three years.

In 1981, 290 million barrels flowed through the terminal rising to 439 million barrels in 1985, but dropped back to 371 million in 1987 mainly due to a fall in world oil prices and demand for North Sea crude.

A charitable trust, set up by the council to administer oil disturbance monies, has about £100 million.

# Burne-Jones work fetches £440,000

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
*Art Market Correspondent*

Erotic paintings of princesses by Sir Edward Burne-Jones and Sir Edward Poynter raised record prices at Christie's Victorian paintings sale yesterday, but Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema's "A sculptor's model", a painting of a single nude, and recently rediscovered, went unsold.

Burne-Jones's "The Sleeping Princess," which fetched £440,000 (estimate up to £300,000), was an example of a theme which preoccupied the artist throughout his working life. Large and unfinished, it is a study for the fourth and final painting in the series, and is noted for its omission of briars compared with the finished painting, and its inclusion of a scarlet heart on the princess's breast.

Sir Edward Poynter's "Cave of the Storm Nymphs", showing heartless maidens gloating seductively over the wreckage of a sinking galleon, fetched the same price against an upper estimate of £450,000, marking a remarkable rise in price over the past 20 years.

It was sold for £9,500 in 1972. It fetched a world record for the artist when it was sold again in 1981 at £180,000.

The painting illustrates a period poem on the subject of storm nymphs, with lines such as, "Without a thought for scattered pearl or gold, And neither laugh nor tear for human fate". The Burne-Jones was bought privately, while the Poynter was bought by a European dealer.

The sale totalled nearly £3 million, with 34 per cent unsold.

# St John 'not negligent'

The St John Ambulance Brigade was cleared of negligence inthe High Court yesterday over its treatment of a young motor scrambler crash victim.

It was the first time in the brigade's 101-year history that the volunteers who provide first-aid cover at public events had been sued for damages.

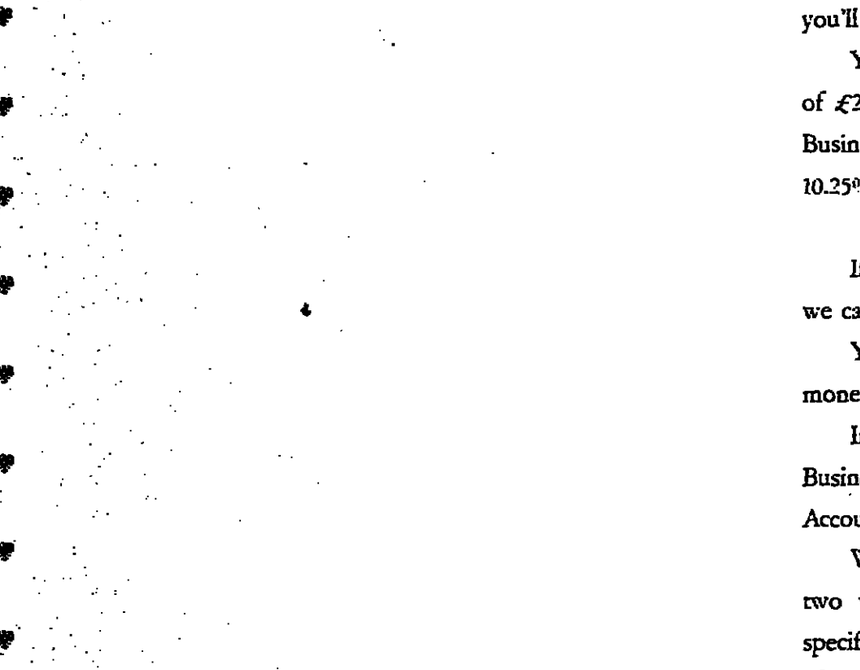
The claim was brought by Mr Sean Cattley, aged 20, who broke his back and fractured his ribs during a schoolboys' scrambling meeting in Bedford in April 1984.

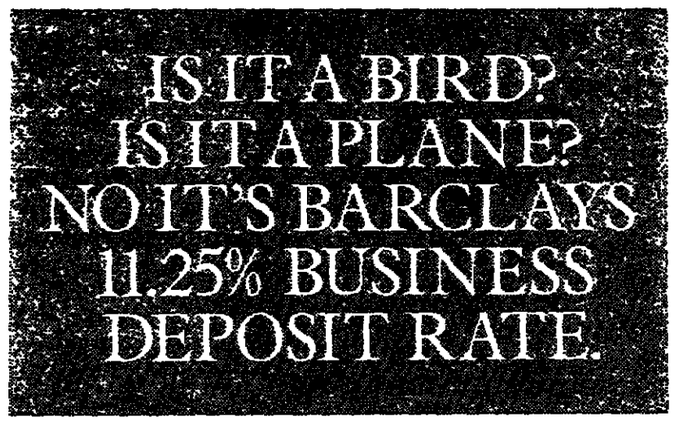
Mr Cattley alleged that the brigade members who tended him lifted him to his feet, putting pressure on his spine.

Judge Prosser, who ruled the brigade was not negligent, said motor-cycles passed within inches of Mr Cattley and a St John Ambulance man who was treating him on the track. He added: "It struck me that this race should have been stopped".

The judge said the alleged treatment would have gone against a "lifetime of training and knowledge". He found that Mr Cattley, of Anstey, Buntingford, Hertfordshire, had stood and walked under his own power.

He decided that if a volunteer follows the first aid manual with ordinary skill then he cannot be held to be negligent.




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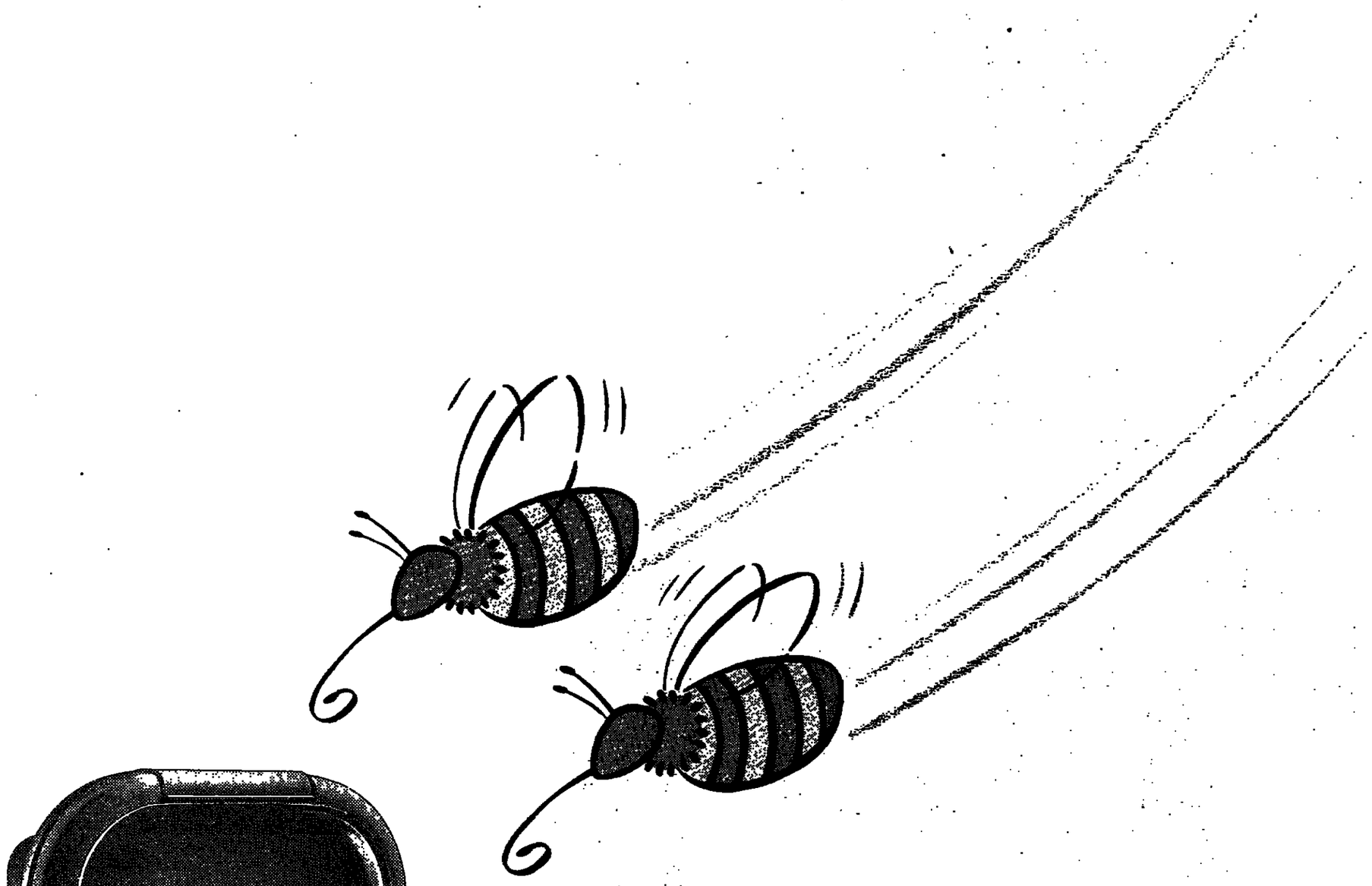
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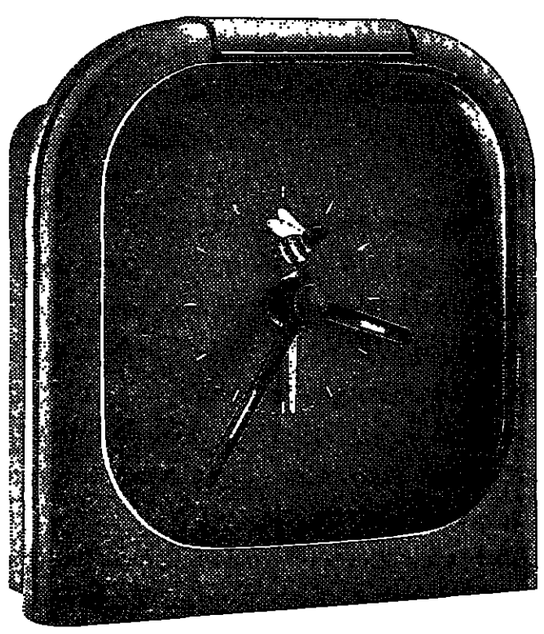
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# Tougher parole conditions urged for serious offenders

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Prisoners convicted of serious crimes should stay in jail longer before being eligible for parole, and re-offenders should face more severe sentences, a report said yesterday.

A prisoner is eligible for parole after serving a third of his sentence, including time spent on remand.

But the report says prisoners sentenced to more than four years should have to wait until they have served half their time.

For prisoners serving four years or less, parole should be replaced by conditional release after half the sentence. This, unlike parole, would not be selective.

The reforms recommended by the independent committee on the parole system in England and Wales are the most sweeping since the system started in 1968.

The committee, appointed by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, proposes tough sanctions if a released prisoner is convicted of a further offence before the full term of his sentence has expired. He or she should be liable, in addition to any new sentence imposed, to serve the rest of the original sentence, the committee says.

Its report calls for supervision of more offenders leaving jail, an end to partly suspended sentences, and a streamlined system to reduce the annual number of parole reviews from 24,000 to 4,000.

The three-tier system of local review committees, parole board and Home Secretary would no longer be necessary.

"Given that the Parole Board is already handling about 7,500 cases it should have no difficulty in managing the new case load unassisted", the report says.

The report recommends that local review committees be abolished and that the Home Secretary should cease to be involved in individual cases.

The changes should make it easier to predict the length of time a prisoner will serve and help to reduce some of the uncertainty which surrounds parole.

Lord Carlisle of Bucklow, the committee's chairman, said yesterday: "The gap between what a judge says and what actually happens has become too great".

Everyone sentenced to 12 months or more and all young offenders should be subject to a period of supervision by the probation service. At the moment, prisoners who do not get parole are not supervised on release.

Mr Hurd gave the report a cautious welcome in a parliamentary answer yesterday.

"Some of the recommendations raise difficult questions in the context of the Government's policies for ensuring that the public is adequately protected and that offenders who commit serious crimes are adequately punished. I shall be considering how best these questions might be resolved."

One of the most controversial issues is the way the report proposes to deal with prisoners sentenced to more than five years for offences involving sex, drug trafficking, violence or arson.

In 1983 Mr Leon Brittan, then Home Secretary, said he would use his discretion to ensure prisoners in that category did not get parole except possibly for a few months before the end of the sentence.

The Carlisle report said: "To differentiate in a rigid way between those who receive identical sentences for different types of offence is to our mind unacceptable".

Lord Carlisle says the parole decision-making process should be less secretive and parole "counsellors" could help to prepare prisoners' representations.

It is estimated that the measures would not effect the numbers in prison although it is hoped sentence lengths could be reduced.

The report was immediately given a mixed reception. Mr Barry Sheerman, Labour MP for Huddersfield and front bench Opposition spokesman on Home Affairs, said the report was a timid step in the right direction.

Mr Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers, said: "The Carlisle report offers little hope to Britain's overcrowded and inhumane penal system".

But Mr Graham Smith, chairman of the Association of Chief Officers of Probation, said: "The report confirms that parole and supervision can play a larger and more substantive part in the criminal justice system. The recommended changes provide an opportunity for much needed relief to the prisons."

● Legislation to allow the British authorities to assist their European counterparts in the prosecution of criminals was promised by Mr Hurd yesterday. (Martin Fletcher writes).

It would enable Britain to search and seize documentary evidence on behalf of her continental partners and vice-versa, and would allow the transfer of witnesses, including those held in custody, to give evidence in foreign courts, and the supplying of statements and of extracts from judicial records.

*The Parole System in England and Wales. Report of the Review Committee* (Stationery Office: £10.30p).

# Flying high for Christmas



A Forestry Commission helicopter flies a batch of Christmas trees out of its forest at Easter Ross, Highland. The commission has organized the helicopter airlift to bring out 10,000 trees in the run up to Christmas. The operation allows the foresters to reach inaccessible areas and thin out crops. The helicopters deposit trees at the roadside at the rate of one every three seconds. From there they go by road for sale throughout Britain. The commission said demand for Christmas trees had been high for some years. Traditionally Norway spruce has been favoured but now Scots pine and Lodgepole pine are becoming more popular as their needles take longer to drop.

# Mistletoe falls prey to modern farmers

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

Mistletoe, that most romantic of Christmas decorations which has traditionally emboldened countless generations of shy suitors to steal a kiss from the girl of their dreams, may soon be a thing of the past.

The reason is that it has become a bit of a nuisance to tidy-minded modern farmers and foresters, a poison-berried parasite which squats upon the bark of a host tree and can cause abnormal growths, known as witches' brooms, resulting in malformed branches and reduced timber productivity.

Almost all the mistletoe on sale this winter will be imported from France, and will be expensive at between 50p and £1 for a small bunch. But even the romantically inclined French are not anxious to encourage it and, as the old host trees die off or are felled, it is likely to become increasingly rare.

Holly, in contrast, will be cheap and abundant, with lots of berries. But the advice of the British Christmas Tree Growers' Association is to leave picking or buying it as late as possible, since in a centrally heated home it will start to wither after about four days.

The association expects to sell about 4,500,000 trees this year, mostly the ever-popular Norway spruce. But those seeking something a little different should shop around for other species such as Scots pine, lodgepole pine, noble fir, Caucasian fir, Douglas fir and blue spruce.

The association is discouraging the sale of "blocked" trees standing in log bases, because these prevent them from being watered. Cut trees need water and should ideally be placed in pots.

The heyday of the plastic tree appears to be over and, with increasing enthusiasm for real trees, growers are hoping to develop new markets in southern Europe where the Christmas tree tradition is less well established.

# Britons bottom of language league

By David Tytler, Education Editor

Britain produces the worst linguists in Europe, according to an EEC survey. It shows that 70 per cent of Britons aged between 15 and 24 are unable to hold even a simple conversation in a foreign language.

Details of the survey were revealed at the inaugral meeting of the European Secondary Heads Association in Maastricht, The Netherlands. Britain's performance contrasts with Luxembourg, where 53 per cent of young people can hold a conversation in three languages.

The survey of 7,000 young people throughout Europe showed that 49 per cent thought knowing a foreign language was very important, 45 per cent, useful with only 5 per cent saying it was not important. The figures for Britain showed that only 19 per cent thought it was important, 65 per cent useful, with 15 per cent believing it was not important.

Mr John Sutton, general secretary of English Secondary Heads Association, said yesterday: "I think we may see some slight improvement now that languages are being made part of the national curriculum, and with the new GCSE language courses and changes to the A levels which put a greater emphasis on the use of language. But the fact remains that as a nation we are not natural linguists. We do not produce enough linguists and of those we do, there are not enough coming back into the schools and so the circle continues."

● A group of old boys at Harrow who received help with their school fees have set up a trust to provide education for bright boys who would like to attend the school but whose families cannot afford the annual fees of £5,450. If necessary the entire cost of the five years schooling from 13 to 18 will be met. The scheme will be offered initially to one boy each year, with allowances given for clothes, equipment and books.

The old Middlesex County Council scheme to allow state school boys to attend Harrow has since been abandoned.

# Witness 'did not invent alibi'

A woman who on Thursday gave fresh alibi evidence for one of three men convicted of the 1978 murder of newsboy Carl Bridgewater yesterday denied that she had been desperate to help him.

Tracey Humphreys, who was aged 11 when Carl was shot at Yew Tree Farm, Stourbridge, West Midlands, had told three Court of Appeal judges that James Robinson, then her mother's boyfriend, was at home with her at the time of the killing.

Mr Jeremy Roberts, QC, for the Crown, suggested yesterday that she and her mother, Carol Bradbury, could not remember the events of September 19 1978, but "desperately wanted Jimmy to be at home that day".

Miss Humphreys, now 21, said: "Obviously mum did, but I was very young then and didn't really know what was going on."

Mr Roberts asked if she could remember taking a shotgun cartridge to the home of a woman friend of the family shortly after the killing — as the jury heard at the 1979 Stafford Crown Court trial of Robinson and his co-accused.

Miss Humphreys said she did not recall any such occasion and that, in any event, she would not have known then what a shot-gun cartridge looked like. She also denied knowing there were guns in the flat. The judges are hearing a new appeal ordered by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, following the rejection in 1971 of initial appeals by the three men. There have been three police investigations.

Robinson, aged 54, who lived with Mrs Bradbury at Wolston Croft, Weoley Castle, Birmingham, was ordered to serve a minimum 25-year life sentence for murder and aggravated burglary by Mr Justice Drake on November 12, 1979.

Vincent Hickey, aged 34, of Badger's Close, Redditch, Hereford and Worcester, received a similar sentence, and his cousin Michael Hickey, 26, is detained in a top-security mental hospital at Liverpool.


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## South Africa tries to appease Western and liberal opinion as hardliners seek return to 'petty apartheid'

# Mandela set for 'release by stages'

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Nelson Mandela is to be released from custody by stages, it is believed here, but there is thought to be little prospect that he will be freed in the near future.

The announcement by the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, that the leader of the banned African National Congress will not go back to jail when he leaves the Cape Town clinic where he is recovering from tuberculosis has been generally welcomed.

But opposition leaders called on the Government to stop "playing games" and grant Mr Mandela unconditional freedom. "He must be released to enable him to make his contribution to solving the country's problems," Dr Zach de Beer, the leader of the liberal Progressive Federal Party, said.

A government spokesman yesterday refused to elaborate on Mr Coetsee's statement on Thursday that Mandela would "eventually" be transferred to "suitable, comfortable and secure living accommodation" where he would be able to receive his family.

Sources in the ruling National Party suggested that the transfer of Mandela, who has been in the Constantiaberg Medi-Clinic in Cape Town since the end of August, might take place around Christmas.

A front-page report in *The Citizen* newspaper, which supports the Government and is usually well-informed on security matters, suggested that Mandela, aged 70, could be moved to a house normally occupied by a prison official in the grounds of a jail.

The paper speculated that Mandela might be allowed to receive friends and political associates as well as family members, and that the authorities might eventually permit strictly controlled access to the press.

Another article in the paper quoted an anonymous government source as saying it was "highly possible that a formal announcement leading to the release of Mandela will be made during Mrs Thatcher's visit to southern Africa".

Mrs Thatcher is expected to tour Zimbabwe, Botswana and other countries in southern Africa early next year. As things stand, her itinerary would definitely not include South Africa, though that might change if a visit here could somehow be linked to Mandela's release.

British diplomatic sources indicated yesterday that, while Mr Coetsee's statement was seen as a positive move, merely transferring the ANC leader from one kind of custody to another would not constitute "release" in British eyes. For Mrs Thatcher to come here, and bestow the accolade of international respectability which Pretoria craves, Mandela would not only have to be freed, but freed in circumstances indicating that Pretoria was prepared to negotiate with him.

Although President Botha and his colleagues are eager for the international kudos, and possible domestic political benefits, that could flow from releasing Mandela, they are frightened that releasing him in one move might cause civil unrest and force them to redetain him.

The hints on Mandela, the reprieve for the Sharpeville Six and the peace moves in Angola and Namibia are all seen here as part of a co-ordinated strategy aimed at improving South Africa's standing abroad and attracting much needed foreign capital.

● **HARARE:** The ANC and the South African Council of Churches met for the first time in plenary session here yesterday and announced plans to make ready for the release of imprisoned black leaders (Jan Raath writes).

A joint statement said that "broadly-based committees" would be formed to organize "the popular welcome" of released prisons and detainees to "eliminate confusion" in the event of them being freed.

But Mr Oliver Tambo, the ANC president, warned at a press conference held earlier, that the easing of conditions of imprisonment for Mandela were "deviationary tactics" by South Africa.

The church delegation included Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Anglican leader in southern Africa, and heads of other denominations.



Archbishop Tutu and Mr Oliver Tambo shaking hands at a conference in Harare to discuss the release of Nelson Mandela.

# 'Whites only' signs are back

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

The town council of Boksburg, an industrial satellite of Johannesburg in the East Rand, has ordered that "whites only" signs be taken out of storage and re-erected at the local park. It has announced that it intends to prohibit blacks from using other amenities as well.

Boksburg is one of 60 municipalities in Transvaal province, out of a total of 95, where the far-right Conservative Party of Dr Andries Treurnicht, a former Cabinet minister, is now in control as a result of the October 26 local elections.

The Boksburg town council is the first since the elections to implement Conservative campaign promises to re-impose what is sometimes called "petty apartheid" — the racial segregation of public amenities — in all its pristine rigidity.

During the election campaign, the Conservatives played on right-wing white fears of being "swamped" by a black influx into urban areas, and they attacked President Botha's National Party for its cautious relaxation of apartheid controls.

There is, however, rather less than meets the eye in the Conservative Party's threats to "put the clock back".

Most of their local election victories were in small rural towns in the Transvaal and Orange Free State where the clock hands had never moved.

In these deeply conservative, one-street *dorps*, facilities such as parks, libraries, sports fields, public toilets and swimming pools have never been desegregated, while most private bars and cafés still cater only to whites or restrict blacks to separate sections.

But in some of the bigger towns, the Government's limited reforms had begun to have an impact. Cinemas, hotels and restaurants are now free, if they wish, to admit all races, and most do so, though they still have the right to exclude non-whites.

Boksburg is a case in point. Under the previous National Party-controlled council, the park and boating lake were opened to all races two years ago. The old council also applied, under new legislation introduced by the Government, for the central business district to be opened to non-white entrepreneurs.

All these cautious departures from the undiluted racism of the past are to be reversed if the Conservatives have their way.

But their powers are by no means unlimited. A Conservative-controlled council cannot, for example, resegregate a central business district without government approval.

Nor can operators of cinemas, restaurants and hotels be forced to exclude blacks.

The legislation allowing such facilities to be used by all races was passed by Parliament and can only be revoked by it.

Under the Separate Amenities Act, however, town councils do have the power to enforce segregation of facilities they own, such as parks, libraries and swimming pools.

WORLD ROUNDUP

## Guatemalans fire at British ship

An unarmed Royal Navy hydrographic ship was fired on by a Guatemalan gunboat while surveying waters off Belize, it was disclosed yesterday (Andrew McEwen writes). The incident has cast a shadow over Anglo-Guatemalan links which have been improving after 23 years with no diplomatic ties. A formal protest was made on Thursday.

Six shots were fired at relatively close range near the 1,100-tonne HMS Fawn by the Guatemalan vessel. The British crew of 39 men were unable to tell whether the shots were live or blanks, but HMS Fawn was not hit.

## Cypriot views differ

Three months after their historic first handshake in Geneva, the leaders of the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities yesterday flew to Britain to report on their attempts to reach a solution by next June (Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes).

President Vassiliou told Mrs Thatcher that their talks so far had defined the differences between them. He felt this was a form of progress. But Mr Rauf Denktas, President of the self-proclaimed Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, told the press that there was no progress.

## Joint space project

**Paris (AP)** — Europe and the United States are joining in a mission to explore the largest moon in the solar system, a celestial body that may have an atmosphere resembling Earth's before the dawn of life, the European Space Agency announced yesterday.

The mission, to be called the Cassini-Titan probe, was chosen from a series of proposed projects during a meeting of the agency's Science Programme Committee, which is responsible for planning future space missions.

## Alarm over Antarctic

**Wellington (Reuter)** — Representatives of nine nations yesterday signed a controversial document, aimed at protecting Antarctica, which opponents say threatens the environment. The Antarctic Minerals Convention, after six years of talks, was opened for signing in the New Zealand Parliament by 35 parties to the 1959 Antarctic Treaty.

Mr Russell Marshall, the Foreign Minister, told diplomats and officials at the ceremony: "The convention ensures that if ever mineral activities do take place in Antarctica they will be judged against clear environmental standards."

## Bundestag Speaker

**Bonn** — Frau Rita Süssmuth, aged 51, was elected president (Speaker) of the Bundestag yesterday in succession to Herr Philipp Jenninger, who resigned earlier this month over a speech marking the 50th anniversary of the Nazis' *Kristallnacht* anti-Jewish pogrom (John England writes). She won 380 of the 473 votes cast by MPs yesterday.

# Mitterrand in Moscow to strengthen relations

By Our Foreign Staff

President Mitterrand of France arrived in the Soviet Union yesterday for talks with President Gorbachov that were expected to underscore recently improved relations between Paris and Moscow.

M Mitterrand was welcomed at Moscow airport by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Anatoly Lukyanov, the First Vice-President, and other officials, Tass reported.

He was then driven to the Kremlin for talks with Mr Gorbachov which were expected to concentrate on disarmament and trade. M Mitterrand has also named space research as an area in which he would like to see more Franco-Soviet cooperation. During his two-day visit, he will watch the launch of a joint space mission at the Soviet space centre at Baikonur.

About a dozen bankers and industrialists accompanied M Mitterrand, and among deals in the offing was a $2 billion (£1.1 billion) French credit to the Soviet Union.

*Pravda* said the Soviet Union hoped the French President's visit would boost "mutually profitable" bilateral cooperation and produce agreement on international issues.

"In the Soviet Union, they like to hope that new possibilities are opening up for bringing closer together the positions of our countries on world problems, especially on European policy questions," it said.

In an interview with *Pravda*, M Mitterrand emphasized the importance of improving bilateral economic links with Moscow.

"Especially in commerce, relations between France and the USSR do not reach the level corresponding to the quality of the friendly relations between the two peoples and the countries' economic might," he said.

M Mitterrand last met Mr Gorbachov in July 1986. The current meeting was set up last month during a visit to Paris by Mr Shevardadze, who said it would "give new life" to ties between the Soviet Union and France.

French criticism of the Soviet record on human rights and differences over nuclear disarmament and France's nuclear strike force cloudedtheir relations for much of the 1980s.

On his 1986 trip to Moscow, President Mitterrand shocked his hosts by raising at a Kremlin banquet the issue of human rights activist Dr Andrei Sakharov, then in internal exile but since allowed to return to Moscow and travel abroad.

**Paris (Reuter) — France's main opposition party, the Gaullist RPR, yesterday asked President Mitterrand, during his visit to Moscow, to express French concern over ethnic unrest in Armenia and Azerbaijan. It urged him "to ask the Soviet authorities to ensure the safety of Armenians living in Azerbaijan".**

Relations were further strained last year by charges that Moscow was spying on the French-built Ariane space rocket. A visit by M Jacques Chirac, the former French Prime Minister, ended with Soviet attacks on French defence and human rights policies.

But last month, both sides said Mr Shevardnadze's visit to Paris and his talks with M Roland Dumas, the French Foreign Minister, had put an end to the period of mistrust. The Soviet Foreign Mnister said they had similar views on chemical weapons, reducing conventional arms and solving regional conflicts.

He endorsed M Mitterrand's plan to hold a Paris conference to reinforce bans on the use of chemical weapons.

In return, France accepted Moscow's desire to host a human rights conference in 1991 — a proposal under discussion at the Vienna European Security Conference but opposed by Britain and Canada as offering a potential propaganda coup to Moscow.

French officials said the President would raise human rights during his trip but this was not expected to cause any problems.

M Mitterrand's trip follows recent visits to Moscow by West German, Italian and Austrian leaders, with the Soviet Union displaying renewed interest in improving ties with Western Europe.

Watched by M Mitterrand, a joint Franco-Soviet space mission will be launched today at Baikonour, in Kazahstan, with a French astronaut, M Jean-Loup Chretien on board alongside the two Soviet astronauts, Mr Alexandre Volkov and Mr Sergei Krikalov.

The 25-day mission, designed to link-up with the Soviet space station, MIR, will be a gruelling one for the three astronauts.

The importance of what both Moscow and Paris term as 20 years of Franco-Soviet space co-operation is underlined by M Mitterrand's wish to be present at the launching and the fact that this is the longest period any foreign astronaut guest has remained in space.

# Tycoon held in Greek bank case

From Mario Modiano, Athens

As the setting for the Bank of Crete affair, the biggest financial scandal in Greek history, moves to a Boston courtroom, a Greek business tycoon, Mr Argyris Saliarellis, aged 41, was arrested yesterday on charges of "harbouring a criminal".

The "criminal" in question is Mr George Koskotas, aged 34, who was arrested at a Massachusetts airfield by FBI agents last Wednesday after landing there from Rio de Janeiro in Mr Saliarellis's Lear jet which allegedly smuggled him out of Greece on November 7.

The federal judge in Boston was expected to rule whether Mr Koskotas should be remanded in custody or released on bail pending consideration of the extradition request from Greece.

He is wanted here on charges of embezzling over £120 million from deposits entrusted to his Bank of Crete. Part of the money is said to have been paid out in bribes to government officials.

The Greek Government, facing criticism for its sluggishness in issuing international arrest warrants even when Mr Koskotas was spotted by Greek reporters in Brazil, yesterday despatched officials by chartered plane to Boston with warrants and extradition documents. It also invited 40 Greek journalists to join the flight and attend the hearings, to show that it had nothing to fear.

Mr Saliarellis, who made his fortune in fishing, oil and transport in Africa, was remanded in custody after his arrest. As he emerged from the magistrate's office, he told reporters Mr Koskotas had probably bribed his pilots to get him out of the country. He said he would sue them.

Although why Mr Koskotas should have decided to go to the United States where he has had legal problems before, remains obscure, his Greek-American wife, Kathy, told Greek newspapers that the family left Brazil because her husband feared for his life and the lives of their five children.

She claimed her husband had decided to leave Brazil after spotting four cars shadowing him as he walked in the streets of Rio with two of their children. "He actually saw the muzzles of their guns protruding from the car windows," she said.

The Brazilian police, Mrs Koskotas added, identified one of the cars as belonging to the Greek consulate.

The banker insisted that he had surrendered to the US authorities so that his wife and children who, unlike himself, have US citizenship, would be safe.

He suspected that Greek intelligence agents were out to get him and stop him from naming corrupt government officials.

The Government's reluctance to clear up the Bank of Crete scandal prompted denunciations of a cover-up from the Opposition, but also an uproar within the ruling Socialist Party.



Mr Koskotas under arrest in Boston yesterday.

# Yugoslav reforms approved

From Richard Bassett and Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

After months of behind the scenes discussions in smoke-filled rooms, the Yugoslav parliament has finally approved sweeping amendments to Marshal Tito's principal legacy to Yugoslavia — the 1974 Constitution.

In what is considered to be the longest and most confusing constitution in the world, 135 out of 406 articles will be changed in an attempt to breathe a spirit of enterprise into Yugoslavia's beleaguered brand of self-managing socialism.

Early next year, the Federal Assembly will begin drafting a new constitution which, politicans hope, will be shorter and more "suited" to modern times.

The 135 amendments in the meantime introduce many concepts hitherto considered alien to socialist thinking. Profits, market forces and private ownership are all encouraged in the amendments.

Not only Yugoslavia but any foreigners who are optimistic enough to invest in a country with 250 per cent inflation and a £12.5 billion debt will be free from the fetters of socialist bureaucracy. The amendments, expressing the new craze for "profitable socialism" are not without critics. In particular, many managers are worried by provisions which, if followed faithfully, will result in unprofitable enterprises closing down.

They fear that such measures must inevitably cause unemployment — already at 1.5 million out of a total work force of 6.5 million, the highest in Europe — to double. No less disturbing for some managers is the legalisation of the right to strike, although this "right" has been exercised illegally with considerable success over the last few years.

But while the amendments are intended to transform Yugoslavia's economic system, the political structure of the country remains largely untouched. Inevitably this will blunt the effectiveness of any economic reforms which in Yugoslavia, as in other communist states, are inextricably linked to the party apparatus in the state.

Without political changes, the chances of economic revival are remote but any talk of pluralism remains anathema to the political establishment of the country.

It is hard to see how a mixed economy can be allowed to flourish while the Communist Party continues to enjoy a political monopoly.

Already in Slovenia, the country's prosperous northern republic, the party has found it extremely difficult to ignore the growing political challenge from alternative groups.

In the last year, they have had to contend with a popular movement, the Committee for Human Rights, and an equally forceful Union of Farmers. Both organisations have found themselves capable of exerting a strong influence on public opinion. But the constitutional amendments skirt such sensitive issues.

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# UK rethink on objections to Moscow conference

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, confirmed yesterday that the Government has reconsidered its initial outright hostility to British participation at a human rights conference to be held in Moscow during 1991.

He told the Commons that, when the Soviet Union first proposed the idea, it had been received in the West with "sheer disbelief", and it is known that the Prime Minister originally wanted nothing to do with it.

But such was the recent improvement in the Soviet human rights record that it was "now possible to take the Soviet proposal seriously", Sir Geoffrey told MPs.

He emphasized that the Soviet Union would have to meet extremely tough conditions before Britain attended because "we are not prepared to take part in a propaganda showcase".

But the belief at Westminster yesterday was that ministers had acknowledged political reality in order to cast no further shadows over President Gorbachov's visit to Britain next month.

The atmosphere has already been soured by the row over allegations that Mrs Thatcher would advise the Queen against accepting any invitation from Mr Gorbachov to visit Moscow.

Sir Geoffrey said that, if the Soviet Union wanted the conference to take place, it would have to provide clear evidence that it intended the improvement in its human rights record to be permanent and that it accepted that human rights had to be respected "as of right". The conference would have to be held in "open conditions".

He declared: "Not to set and insist on comprehensive conditions of this kind would be to deny all the effort we have made over the years on behalf of those in the Soviet Union seeking their basic freedom."

A Foreign Office official later expanded on Sir Geoffrey's statement. He spelt out three specific conditions for Britain's attendance:

- The Government would want to see the immediate release of all political prisoners, prisoners of conscience, refuseniks and others wrongly imprisoned in the Soviet Union;
- It wanted an institutional guarantee that the improvement in the Soviet human rights record was permanent, and a clear commitment to reforming the system;
- The conference would have to be open to the media, and human rights activists from within the Soviet bloc should be able to attend and participate.

These conditions had been put to the Soviet Union by the US with full British support. France, West Germany and Italy have all signalled their willingness to attend the conference on certain terms.

# Battle lines drawn for Algiers party congress

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

The stage is set for a new battle of Algiers tomorrow with the opening of a two-day congress of the ruling party which promises to be one of the most important since independence from France 26 years ago.

This time the battle will not be in the streets and the Army will not open fire. Nevertheless, the problems left by the October riots for the Front de Libération Nationale party delegates promise unprecedented upheavals.

The congress was originally intended to select the man to be their sole candidate in the presidential elections next spring. It was to have been a chance to demonstrate publicly that President Chadli Benjedid was in the right place thanks to them.

The fact that the poorer sections of the population — and especially the young — were prepared to face arrest, beatings, torture and even death in order to demonstrate their hatred of a regime, which in their eyes rules through patronage, corruption and repression, has changed all that. Some 500 people were killed in the October riots.

President Chadli has taken advantage of the ferment and has moved swiftly to limit the power of the FLN and push through the reforms that the party had been blocking.

In one month he has held a referendum and promised another intended to break the FLN's hold on national and local politics and to place some power in the hands of deputies. He has appointed a new Prime Minister, Mr Kasdi Merbah who has already managed to get a new programme passed by Parliament.

President Chadli, and the new men he has put in place, have the job of convincing the congress that they must approve the sweeping reforms for the country which will, in fact, marginalize the ruling party. But nobody takes it for granted that the President will be able to overthrow the FNL's power entrenched over 26 years in two days.

# Shamir shies away from coalition with the religious right

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Top-level negotiations to form a second national unity government are under way in Israel this weekend.

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud leader who has been asked to form the next administration, has made a direct approach to his arch rival, Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, to work together again in the interest of the country.

His aim is to exclude minor religious parties from the coalition.

Mr Shamir, who said in a pre-election television debate that he would never sit in government with Mr Peres again, has now looked into a future where he would be at the beck and call of right-wing and ultra-Orthodox religious parties and clearly does not like what he sees.

Mr Peres, who said in the same debate that he would only join such a coalition if it were committed to the peace process, is ready to strike the toughest possible bargain to rescue Mr Shamir from the clutches of small extremist groups, even though Labour said earlier this week that there was "no basis" for further talks with Likud.

Mr Peres had decided it was better for his party to become a clear-cut opposition pledged to fight a right-wing government forced by religious parties to pass unpopular laws.

However, Mr Shamir has seen this trap. He has been besieged by Jewish lobbies internationally, warning him that Israel would suffer dire consequences, not least financial, if the Knesset (Parliament) bowed to the demands of the religious groups to pass a law which restricts Jewish nationality to those who have followed ultra-Orthodox conversion rites.

Mr Shamir is also besieged by potential allies to the right of Likud. They have already submitted draft legislation to free Jewish prisoners convicted of terror attacks on Arabs on the ground that they acted only under "security distress".

● **Soldiers jailed:** The Army sentenced 21 paratroopers to up to two weeks' jail for a rampage in which soldiers smashed windows and damaged cars in a Palestinian refugee camp, a military spokesman said yesterday (AP reports).

The sentences brought immediate demands by right-wing politicians that the soldiers be pardoned, and a leading left-wing leader complained that the rampage was not the fault of the soldiers but of government policies.

● **SIDON:** Israeli jets launched two successive air raids on Lebanese militia positions north-east of Sidon yesterday, killing one guerrilla and wounding 10 others (Reuter reports).

Security sources said that three Israeli jets, protected by two others, fired eight rockets on positions of the Sunni Muslim Popular Liberation Army which controls Sidon.

At least one rocket hit a two-storey building housing fighters, levelling it and burying some men in the rubble.

# Mourners flock to Onassis funeral



Family members, politicians and clergy surrounding the silver-trimmed coffin of polished cedarwood containing the body of Christina Onassis during her funeral service yesterday in an Athens suburb. Thousands of ordinary Greeks massed in the rain outside the church of St Fotini, in Nea Smyrni (Mario Modiano writes). Inside, the congregation of 500 included Miss Onassis's former fourth husband, M Thierry Roussel, friends from Athens, Buenos Aires, and Paris, and business associates. Her daughter Athina, aged 3, did not attend but the coffin bore her cross of pink roses. The body was later flown to the family island of Skorpios for today's burial next to the graves of her father and brother.

# Palestinians confident of Arafat return to UN

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

With the number of countries who have officially recognized the newly-declared Palestinian state now more than 50, leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organization maintain that they have begun a diplomatic process which Israel will find hard to obstruct.

Mr Ahmed Abderrahman, a PLO spokesman, said: "This is the hour of truth for Israel. The Palestine National Council has succeeded in isolating Israel. We have a peace plan based on international law, they have one based on occupation. I believe that the world will take our side. Forty years ago, Israel came into being with international support. But now it has lost that link with the world, while we have found it."

As the Palestinian diplomatic offensive, mounted with special assistance from Egypt, gathers pace, Mr Farouk Kaddoumi, the self-styled FLO "foreign minister", has predicted that more than 75 states will grant formal recognition. After early scepticism, Western experts in the region agree.

Despite continuing stonewalling by the US State Department, Palestinian leaders remain convinced that the PLO chairman, Mr Yassir Arafat, with strong support from Moscow, will succeed in obtaining a visa to address the United Nations General Assembly early next month.

One Palestinian said: "Even if he does not succeed, and the US fails in its international duty as host to the UN and turns him down, from the international sympathy such an act of pig-headedness would provoke we are now convinced that the tide is turning in our direction."

If Mr Arafat does take the UN podium for the second time — the first was in 1974, when he bore an unloaded pistol and spoke of the gun and the olive branch — Mr Kaddoumi claims he will use the occasion to demand a full seat for the fledgling state.

He told Tunisian journalists that, logically, the US would be unable to oppose such a move as it was one of the countries that voted in favour of UN Resolution 181, which in 1947 divided Palestine into two states, one Jewish and the other Arab. "If the Americans do object, we will demand that Israel's UN membership be frozen," he declared.

A UN seat for Palestine, a state without an inch of land to control and which has yet to name its government in exile, would need approval from the Security Council, where the US has a veto.

China is the only one of the five full members to recognize the new state outright, but Britain's response has been much more positive than the PLO expected.

Mr Kaddoumi claimed that the new policy of "moderation" was already paying handsome dividends. "With our moderation, we have managed to put them (Israeli leaders) in a large prison. They again want to live in a ghetto and refuse to co-exist with Arabs. Our policy is not to destroy the Israelis or to kill them. It is to convince them that the way of peace is one of peaceful co-operation with the Palestinians."

Despite the hyperbole of some recent statements, most leading PLO figures are sanguine about the chances of achieving rapid movement towards the international peace conference, which is the vital next step on their desired path to real as opposed to merely symbolic statehood.

While some, such as Mr Abdallah Hourani, a member of the PLO's executive committee, believe that the Palestinian state will be a reality in four years, others like Mr Kaddoumi remain more circumspect.

"If I must be realistic, I would have to doubt it (that a conference will meet), because the Israeli leaders are convinced they have defeated the Arab east, and they have the atomic bomb, so they imagine they only have to manoeuvre to avoid it," he said. "The momentum of the *intifada* (uprising) will continue and eventually something will happen within Israeli society. I expect this to happen in the coming few years."

**Britain strongly criticized Israel yesterday for failing to respond to Palestinian peace overtures, and called on Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, to think again (Martin Fletcher writes). Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, told the Commons that it was time for Israel, whose policies had "provoked the continuing Palestinian uprising, to move as well."**

## Nato challenges Warsaw Pact on openness

# West reveals strength of forces

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

A key initiative by the 16 members of the Nato alliance to encourage the Warsaw Pact to reveal the size of its conventional forces was launched yesterday with the publication of previously classified details of troop and equipment numbers on both sides.

Nato sources admitted that it had been a "painful process" to get all members to give a detailed analysis of their conventional forces. Although the Alliance has published data on conventional forces in the past, yesterday's publication was far more comprehensive and gave figures country-by-country.

The purpose of the exercise was to throw the gauntlet down to the Kremlin. Soviet officials claimed recently that they supported a data exchange between the Warsaw Pact and Nato to enable new conventional talks to get under way. But apart from the odd isolated figure produced by senior Soviet military officials to prove that Nato enjoyed superiority in certain areas, no comprehensive list has been forthcoming.

Following yesterday's initiative, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr George Younger, the Defence Secretary, said in a joint statement: "There has been a lot of talk about the need to publish and verify details of each side's forces. It is time that the Warsaw Pact followed our example and put their facts on the table."

They said that the alliance was committed to military openness, a pre-requisite for successful arms control. The timing of the Nato document, which underlined Warsaw Pact superiority in every area of conventional forces, was crucial, since the two military groupings are still facing problems in resolving the mandate for new arms negotiations in Vienna, which it was hoped would begin by the end of the year.

Exchange of meaningful data has been one of the most important factors.

It was clear from the "counting rules" adopted by Nato governments, and explained in the document, that data exchange is going to be one of the main headaches confronting the negotiators, since the Warsaw Pact disputes the way Nato defines certain equipment.

Soviet military chiefs admitted recently that the Warsaw Pact had more tanks and artillery than Nato. But they claimed that the West outnumbered the East in combat aircraft.

The Nato document put the comparable figures on combat aircraft at 3,977 for Nato and 8,250 for the Warsaw Pact, deployed in the area under negotiation — in Europe from the Atlantic to west of the Ural mountains. But the Nato figures included all combat aircraft, while the Soviet Union appeared to exclude any of their planes which they claimed had a purely defensive role. Nato's objective in the new conventional talks is to remove the disparities in weapon systems which give the East a capability for surprise attack and large-scale offensive action.

But British sources emphasized that most combat aircraft had a multi-role capability, both defensive and offensive. So it was a spurious argument to remove from the counting rules all aircraft which were said to be involved only in defence.

The Nato figures also differed in some respects from those published recently by the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies. But this was partly because the institute used different counting rules and was not privy to Nato's intelligence information.

The Nato document estimates that the Warsaw Pact has 51,500 main battle tanks in Europe, compared with 16,424 Nato tanks. A footnote pointed out that Nato had 5,800 tanks in store, while the Warsaw Pact had even more.

British sources said that it would be important in conventional arms negotiations to assess how combat-ready the tanks in store were on both sides. Nato officials are currently preparing a conventional arms package which will be presented to the Warsaw Pact when the new arms control negotiations begin.



Herr Wörner speaking for Nato in Brussels yesterday.

It was hoped that the package would be ready for discussion by Nato governments at the North Atlantic Council meeting of foreign and defence ministers in Brussels next month, but this now seems unlikely.

British sources emphasized that, although the main objective was to persuade the Warsaw Pact to agree to asymmetrical cuts to remove the present imbalances in troop numbers and equipment, the Nato proposal would involve cuts on both sides.

Herr Manfred Wörner, the secretary-general of Nato, said yesterday in Brussels: "We are trying to eliminate the Warsaw Pact capability for surprise attacks and large-scale offensives. We are concentrating on forces that can seize and hold ground. Nato has never been able to make surprise attacks or large-scale offensives."

He said that, up to now, the Warsaw Pact had the capability, if not the intention, of mounting a large-scale ground offensive. But, he warned, "intentions may change very rapidly, and may change with personality.

"One cannot base security primarily on good or bad intentions. We must base it on the potential of the Warsaw Pact. If this is reduced, then intentions, if they change, are no longer a threat."

# Briton charged on bird trading

Sydney — A British exporter charged with trying to smuggle exotic birds and reptiles worth £100,000 out of Australia faces a five-year prison sentence if found guilty (Christopher Morris writes).

Mr Brian Trewerm, aged 45, was arrested after customs officers searched his two suitcases at Sydney airport and found 27 birds and 11 lizards inside narrow plastic tubing and socks. The suitcases were ventilated and contained ice wrapped in plastic to keep the creatures alive on the 10-hour flight to Bangkok.

Mr Trewerm, who was remanded, has also been charged with having endangered protected species. The birds included cockatoos and among the reptiles were white dragon monitors.

## Child ban on the retarded

Peking (AP) — The Chinese province of Gansu has barred mentally retarded people from having children, and the Ministry of Public Health said it was drafting a law that would extend the ban nationally.

The official *People's Daily* said that the province has ordered sterilization for all mentally retarded people who are married or plan to marry and abortions for mentally retarded women.

## Dubcek goes

Bologna (Reuter) — Mr Alexander Dubcek, the former Czechoslovak leader, left Italy after a two-week visit, his first trip abroad in 18 years.

## Gulf delay

Baghdad (AFP) — The second part of an exchange of sick or wounded prisoners between Iran and Iraq has been delayed until today, Iraqi officials said.

## Cult sacrifice

Singapore (Reuter) — A man and two women were hanged for murdering two children and drinking their blood because their cult believed it would bring good luck.

## Writer flees

Ankara (Reuter) — Mihircan Vezirova, a Soviet journalist, defected to Turkey. The Foreign Ministry said she was likely to receive political asylum.

## Lung swap

Hanover (AFP) — An unnamed Briton aged 39 has become the first patient to receive a successful lung transplant in West Germany, the University Hospital said here.

## Mother sold

Hong Kong (AFP) — Two brothers sold their mother to a peasant in south-west China to pay for their gambling, a newspaper reported.

## Tanker scare

Stockholm (AP) — Swedish authorities stopped the unloading of 220,000 tonnes of oil from an Iranian supertanker, which was so unsafe that it might have exploded, a ship inspector said.

# Visit by US envoy increases pressure for Bhutto to head government

From Anatol Lieven
Islamabad

Mr Robin Oakley, the US Ambassador to Pakistan, in what is being seen here as a clear sign of support for Miss Benazir Bhutto's hopes of government, yesterday visited her in Islamabad for an hour of talks.

Neither American diplomats nor Pakistan People's Party officials would reveal the subjects of their discussions. But in private, many American diplomats here have made little secret of their conviction that, as leader by far the largest party in the National Assembly, Miss Bhutto must be called on to form the next government.

As a normal courtesy, the ambassador informed President Ishaq Khan on Thursday of his intention to visit Miss Bhutto. It is considered likely that he would also have mentioned his trip to senior army figures. The attitude of the armed forces to a Bhutto government is one of the key question marks hanging over her assumption of power, now thought even by many of her Islamic Democratic Alliance opponents to be inevitable.

A senior People's Party official has confirmed privately that, at their meeting earlier this week, the Chief of Staff, General Aslam Beg, suggested to Miss Bhutto the continuation of the Emergency Council formed after the death of President Zia in August.

As presently constituted, this embraces the President, the four military chiefs of staff and the four provincial chief ministers. It would also include the new prime minister. If this council functioned like the National Security Council in the US, sat under the chairmanship of the prime minister, and advised on security matters, Miss Bhutto might well feel able to accept the idea. She has no experience of handling security matters, and few of her advisers are better placed. It would also clearly be valuable to her to keep close to the military.

It is, however, possible, though observers here consider it unlikely — in view of his many recent statements that the Army does not wish to be involved in politics — that what General Beg is envisaging is more like a "Turkish solution", giving the Army and the President the chance to control the prime minister on all issues concerning "national security" — which might mean almost everything. This Miss Bhutto would have no choice but to refuse.

It is possible that the President is now moving towards a compromise with the PPP on the date that the National Assembly will be called, and therefore the national government formed.

The party is unwilling to wait until the present date for the opening of the assembly on December 5, because in the meantime, it says, the IDA caretaker government, specially in Punjab, is using state power and patronage to bribe and bully independent members of the provincial assemblies to support it.

The IDA, in contrast, is arguing that, if the PPP is appointed to the national government by the President before the provincial assemblies have met and confirmed the Alliance in power in Punjab and elsewhere, the People's Party will use central government resources to whittle away their majority.

On Thursday, at a meeting in Lahore, at least 27 independent provincial assembly members pledged their support to the IDA provincial government of Mr Nawaz Sharif. Many of these are supporters of the former Prime Minister, Mr Mohammed Khan Junejo, denied official IDA seats by his rival Mr Sharif.

They were persuaded to rejoin the Alliance with the help of Mr Junejo's chief lieutenant in Punjab, Mr Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain, who is seeing Mr Junejo in Islamabad today. On Thursday, however, Mr Aitazaz Ahsan, a leader of the PPP, claimed that many of these independents had not sincerely pledged their support to Mr Sharif, and had privately promised it to the People's Party.

Senior IDA figures are now admitting that they have almost no chance of denying Miss Bhutto power at the centre. They are concentrating on hanging on to Punjab, and of making sure that her majority in Islamabad will be as thin as possible.

In this, they may be having some success. The fourth largest party, the Jamiat-Ulema-e-Islami has stated that it is ready to sit in opposition, and the third largest, the Mohajir Qaumi Movement, is also prepared to do so if the PPP does not meet its demands over the rights of the Mohajir community.

Some Alliance leaders say they are confident that, if Miss Bhutto does come to power, it will not be for long, especially if they can retain the government of Punjab. "She will be in trouble the whole time," one of them said. "She has made promises to too many people, and many of her MPs are not reliable".

PPP leaders retort that this drastically underestimates both the strength of the democratic mandate given to Miss Bhutto and the patience of the people of Pakistan.

● **Official results:** Pakistan's election commission yesterday published the official results of the November 16 National Assembly election, but withheld the names of winners in five constituencies where the results were challenged by rival candidates (AFP reports). Justice S. A. Nusrat, the commission head, said that it would meet in Karachi on Tuesday to review the objections.

Results from two provincial assembly constituencies which voted on November 19 were also being withheld pending investigation of filed complaints he added. National Assembly voting was postponed in two constituencies, Swat and Faisalabad, because candidates had died.

# Franco's old warrior tries political comeback



Señor Fraga: Gave faithful service to Spain's dictator.

From Philip Jacobson
Madrid

A familiar face and distinctive voice from Spain's past under General Franco, Señor Manuel Fraga, is making political headlines again.

At the age of 66, he is back on the warpath, intent on regaining the leadership of Alianza Popular, the right-wing party he founded and dominated for a decade before passing into "irrevocable" retirement two years ago.

A beefy, frequently belligerent, operator along the lines of the late Franz Josef Strauss, the hard-line Bavarian conservative politician, Señor Fraga formally declared his candidacy last month. Since then, he has been vigorously undermining the man who had the misfortune to replace him as leader of Alianza. Señor Hernández Mancha may be almost 30 years younger, but he achieved little or nothing by way of reviving spirits within Spain's biggest opposition party following the calamitous 1986 electoral defeat at the hands of Señor Felipe González's Socialists, who drove the demoralized Señor Fraga from the leadership first time round.

As a long-serving and influential minister under Franco, Señor Fraga acknowledged then that his past was a handicap for Alianza in the vibrantly democratic era that had emerged.

But a good many observers here suspect that this rugged political in-fighter knew Señor Mancha was not up to the demanding job and has simply been waiting for his distinctly colourless successor to prove it. Alianza, utterly overshadowed by the Socialists in and out of Parliament, where they enjoy a majority of more than 180 seats, has watched support from Spain's traditional far-right constituency steadily draining away.

With the more "respectable" right concentrated within the Centro Democratico Social under the former Prime Minister, Señor Adolfo Suárez, Alianza seemed to be going nowhere.

The comeback of Señor Fraga is not without its peculiarities: open a newspaper these days and the old warrior of the right is embracing unfamiliar concepts such as "social dialogue" and "caring government". He has wondered aloud whether the authorities are covering up the growing scandal involving anti-terrorist death squads, and despite a tendency to invoke the magic name of Mrs Thatcher — he apparently met her in the course of his duties as a Euro-MP — a few days ago Señor Fraga was heard praising the main Spanish trade union organization's plans to protest against Socialist economic policy with a 24-hour general strike next month.

Alianza's new president will be chosen at the party conference in January, which promises to be a fairly turbulent affair. Señor Mancha has so far refused to step down, and another faction may put forward a candidate further to the left in an attempt to cobble up an electoral pact with Señor Suárez's centrists. There has been bad blood between Señor Suárez and Señor Fraga ever since the latter was passed over for the leadership of the first post-Franco government back in 1976).

For Fraga loyalists, the result is not in doubt: "a showdown between a battleship and a bubble car". On the other hand, nobody seriously expects him to carry Alianza's colours into what, on all known form, would be another hammering from the Socialists when they call the next general election.

Even so, with Spain staging European parliamentary elections in a few months' time, this veteran may well discover that his return to centre stage spells the end of a discreet understanding that the Socialists refrained from making political capital of Señor Fraga's faithful service to the old dictator.

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SIMON BARNES

A band of Italian priests is prepared to take the ultimate sanction against footballers: they will ban them from the sacraments if this goes on. No young people go to mass on Sunday in Monterchi any more, they say. They are all playing football. Monterchi, a village on the Tuscany-Umbria border, has four priests, one of whom founded the local football club, Monterchiese. The four, Don Alfredo, Don Quinto, Don Vasco and Don Giuseppe, wrote to every family in their parish of 2,000, to say that far too many young men were skipping mass. The priests have nothing against sport, they say, save when it clashes with religion. They have told parents that habitual footballing truants will not be given Holy Communion, and will not be confirmed when the time comes.

This classic *Don Camillo* tale would not be complete without opposition to the priests. It comes from the football manager, Orlando Conti. "We are trying to help the boys by getting them out of bars and into football," he said. Don Quinto, the founder of Monterchiese, seemed to be wavering as the week ended. "We are prepared to celebrate Mass on Sunday", he said, "provided that the kids are present."

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Dennis Lillee, Imran Khan and Phil Edmonds bowled their best for the Stocks International XI, but mighty Tewin Irregulars were too much for them. I led Edge, Sellers, Davies and Fisher to a dramatic last ball victory. The Stocks captain, Edmonds, was sporting enough: "Good game, yes?", he said. This is a boardgame version of cricket, called Wicketz, invented more than five years ago by genius-or-madman Alf Compton (no relation): it involves spinning dials, 512 cards and a massive number of options. The genius of the game is that the system of weighting and probabilities has the rhythm of real cricket. It is on sale in a numbered limited edition of 200, at £44, with hopes for mass production in the future. Oh — Edmonds really did change his field after every ball, and if that doesn't prove authenticity, I don't know what does.

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Faithful readers may recall Philip Peabody, who wrote so assiduously over the summer about under-11 cricket. Mr Peabody, master of the junior school at Wells Cathedral School, expands this column's area of interest into under-11 rugby, and the problems facing his team as they travel to Durham this weekend. A lock forward is unavailable after falling out of a tree, and there could be a motivation question for captain, vice-captain and a front row forward, who have been performing in a Nativity tableau as Shepherd, Wise Man and Joseph. (Wise men don't play rugby.)

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Alcohol Concern is sponsoring the match ball for Kidderminster Harriers Welsh Cup third round tie today, and there are bottles of champagne on offer to spectators. The brand — the archetypally-named Carl Jung's Schloss Boosenberg Alchohol-Free Champagne — will go to those who make the best fist of pronouncing the name of the opposition. The opposition? Well, I simply refuse to type it out, life is much too short, but the team comes from that stupid place that ends in "gogogoch". If the price for this omission is no alchohol-free champagne, I am prepared to pay.

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Why go to Portugal for your winter golf when there is the Isle of Arran? And for that matter, the Arran Challenge, to contest. The Gulf-Stream-washed island is holding a golf competiton over its 12-hole course between December 2 and 12, which is open to any golfer with a handicap. The competition is over three rounds, or 36 holes. The competition is so long because the only way to get there is by boat, and there are but two sailings a day.

BARRY FANTONI




'Remind me, is it the best of 12 rounds or six postponements?

American football supporters are demanding to be allowed to keep footballs that end up in the crowd. It is an odd fact of life in the States that the crowd keeps baseballs hit among them — imagine that at Lord's. Ice hockey spectators keep stray pucks. "Fans pay for everything," said Steven David, of National Fan Alliance. "The least they could do is let us keep the football." Footballs cost $40 each, which might have something to do with it. Perhaps Brits should start keeping football and cricket balls . . . if it created an American-style cosseting of spectators, it would improve life wonderfully.

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The European football union, UEFA, has been under siege all week, and has finally ignominiously changed all its telephone numbers after a concentrated campaign of attrition by Turkish football supporters. It all began after a European Cup tie between the Swiss side, Neuchatel Xamax, and the Istanbul team, Galatasaray. The Swiss won the first leg 3-0, the Turks the second leg in Turkey 5-0. During the course of this a linesman and a Swiss player were laid out by missiles thrown by the crowd. The Swiss protested to UEFA, who last week gave the tie to the Swiss. Incensed, the Turkish newspapers told all red-blooded Turks to bombard UEFA's Berne headquarters with protests. Telephones, telex and fax have been jammed with threatening and obscene messages, all from Turkey or from the legions of Turkish expatriates.

Jennifer Temkin on the case in which a woman was awarded £25,000

# Why rape victims will sue

## 'Surgery rape' teacher denies it was fantasy

By Michael Horsnell

Yesterday's judgement by the High Court in a civil action was a decision which will encourage victims of rape to seek redress in the civil courts.

The case, technically not for rape but for "trespass to the person", brought by a patient against a physiotherapist whom she alleged had raped her, is not the first such civil claim in this country; nor is it likely to be the last. In an another case Christopher Meah was successfully sued three years ago after he had raped and indecently assaulted two women. He admitted liability and his victims were awarded damages of £10,480 and £7,080 respectively.

These awards were criticized at the time as being far too low given the horrific ordeal the women had been through and its subsequent effect on their lives. In Canada and the United States civil actions for rape have led to far higher awards of damages. Yesterday's award of £25,000 constitutes progress.

Where a rapist is known to have some financial resources — even a house or a car — a civil action certainly bears contemplation by the victim.

This case broke new ground in Britain because the Director of Public Prosecutions had decided against prosecution, although the plaintiff had been awarded £6,512 compensation by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, to whom the documents on her case had been automatically forwarded by police.

It thus underlines the fact that a person claiming to have been raped may bring a civil action whether or not the defendant has been criminally prosecuted. In the Meah case the defendant had been convicted and imprisoned.

Civil proceedings have several advantages over a criminal trial. First, the burden of proof is lower. The plaintiff must prove her case on the balance of probabilities rather than beyond reasonable doubt.

Second, since she is a party to the proceedings and not merely a witness, she may tell the story of what happened from her own point of view and may employ counsel to represent her. She has a greater degree of control.

Finally the damages she may be awarded could well be higher, as they were in this case, than any award from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. In the Meah case, the two victims had been awarded £3,600 and £1,000 respectively by the board so that, although these had to be returned, both were still substantially better off as a result of their civil action.

But financial compensation is not the only reason for bringing civil proceedings. Where the Crown Prosecution Service declines to prosecute, a victim may well feel that it is necessary for her own recovery to have some acknowl edgement and recognition of the ordeal she has been through, particularly where some people have doubted her.

However, civil proceedings have their disadvantages. Civil litigation is expensive and the plaintiff may not be eligible for legal aid. In criminal trials the victim is generally entitled to anonymity as a result of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1976 but no such statutory right exists in civil proceedings.

Action on this count has been contemplated for some time. In December 1985 the Government was said to be considering a change in the law. In March 1986, in response to a letter from Jack Ashley MP, Lord Hailsham, the then Lord Chancellor, said he would ask the Home Secretary to rectify the anomaly. There was, he said, no public interest in revealing the victims' identity and the lack of statutorily-guaranteed anonymity could be a deterrent to people seeking redress in the civil courts.

Similarly the same Act affords some protection to rape victims in criminal trials from having their past sexual conduct revealed in court. Again this does not extend to civil proceedings. It is quite anomalous that these safeguards should apply only in criminal cases.

Moreover, as this most recent case illustrates, a civil action may be every bit as unpleasant for the victim as a criminal trial if the defendant denies the allegation. The defence is just as likely to make the usual assertions that she is a vengeful or neurotic liar, a prude, a slut or a hysterical fantasist, and subject her to a heavy cross-examination.

Thus it is unlikely that civil proceedings will take over from the criminal justice system the task of dealing with rapists. But it is an option that some victims may increasingly be prepared to consider.

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George Hill

# The battle of the trees




Mayors, soap opera stars and local heroes and heroines of all kinds will be out brandishing shovels all over the country, planting saplings to celebrate National Tree Week. It is an amiable annual festivity, mounted by the Tree Council as its main national drive to plant trees into the national consciousness. This season it is given an extra urgency in the south-east by the ravages of last year's great storm.

But Britain's foremost historian of the landscape has misgivings about exercises in community spadework of this kind. Dr Oliver Rackham, whose magisterial *History of the Countryside* has demolished more prevailing fallacies about woods and hedgerows than any work since Domesday Book, asserts that "trees do not need to be planted", and that "a planted tree is an injured tree, which *may* recover."

When some sections of the media attempted to launch a "hurricane wasteland threat" scare at the anniversary of the storm last month, Dr Rackham was quick to issue a scathing rebuttal. They had warned that the wreckage had been cleared in only one-third of the toppled woodlands, and that much of the rest would soon be so overgrown that it might never be cleared. Official meanness with grants, they implied, was causing owners to abandon their acres in despair and let the wilderness take over.

Rackham replied that if landowners were leaving regeneration to nature, it was the most sensible thing many of them could do. As for the gale, it had swept away many of the errors of unwise planting in the past, and was "a rare and wonderful event, which we have been privileged to witness."

His chief hostility is reserved for forestry interests which see woodland in narrow cost-accountancy terms as a cash crop. But he is wary of the mayors with shovels, too, and of all well-meaning public and private interventions which spend money doing what he believes nature is perfectly well able to do for itself.

"I am not a fanatic about things like National Tree Week", says Rackham. "Planting calls for a lot of thought. Too often people want to make action a substitute for thought, and imagine that any problem can be solved simply by throwing money at it. Under traditional management, woodlands have been cut down many times and have recovered without replanting.

Much of what Dr Rackham says is echoed by responsible timber interests. Bill Matthews, a tree surgeon and a founder member of the Tree Council, agrees that commercial foresters are apt to forget that not all trees come from nurseries. "I've been amused recently hearing them talk about the regrowth since the storm. They seem astonished at discovering that God can plant trees without any help from them.

"There's nothing wrong with planting in itself. But people will go out and plant emotionally. Today everyone thinks they're a tree expert as soon as they've invested in a pair of green wellies. I know places where hundreds of thousands of trees have been put into the ground since the storm, planted three feet apart with their plastic tubes to protect them, looking like a Chinese cemetery. Many of them are going to die.

"If people spent half the available money on planting, and saved the other half to nurture them over the next ten years, they'd have more to show for it at the end", says Matthews. The Government planting campaigns of the 1970s are still remembered with irony in the trade. Their inane publicity jingles, "Plant a tree in '73" and "Plant some more in '74", notoriously had as their sequel "Few alive in '75" and "Just dry sticks in '76".

Those in charge of next week's planting are well aware of the need to avoid similar errors.

"We fully go along with Dr Rackham's warnings against thoughtless planting", says Peter Gerosa, secretary of the Tree Council, a registered charity. "We regularly stress the need for expert advice and after-care.

"The idea that trees will grow by themselves may apply to some kinds of woodland, but it really doesn't apply to most of our schemes, which almost all involve amenity trees. We want to encourage more trees in town centres and around industrial sites, for instance. If you waited for nature to do your work there, you'd have to wait for an extraordinarily long time."

The Tree Council's resources are insignificant compared to the millions of pounds in grants and tax incentives available to encourage planting in the countryside. The council provides advice and publicity, and a few hundred pounds-worth of pump-priming support to a small number of voluntary schemes each year.

Gerosa rejects claims that a major part of the storm-damaged woodland is likely to be left to nature to reclaim. Figures available a month ago did suggest that few moves had been made to replant in the greater part of the territory concerned. At that time, applications for grants implied that fewer than a third of the 15 million lost trees were actively being replaced. But the main planting season is only just getting under way, and the latest figures have shot up. They cover 5,500 hectares, the equivalent of well over eight million trees.

Dr Rackham would be only too pleased to see nature take over on a wide scale. But however salutary his assertions may be as a corrective to prevailing opinions, it is doubtful how widely they are applicable even on his own terms. "Dr Rackham has the respect of all reasonable people, but dare I say that he's being a bit Oxbridge about this", says Peter Thoday, senior lecturer in amenity land management at the University of Bath. "He's looking at it in the context of centuries, and being philosophical to the point of being out of touch with the demands of contemporary life.

"In almost any situation, husbandry will be needed to produce trees acceptable to the modern timber industry, which is geared to process a uniform product. It is true that in natural woodland a tree which falls is likely to have its place taken by a natural seedling. But in many places, the storm did so much damage that woods virtually ceased to exist as woodland.

"Opportunistic species quickly take over if they get the chance. Instead of your oak or beech wood, you would be more likely to end up with nothing but ash or sycamore, or even with rhododendron undergrowth stifling everything else.

"As for National Tree Week, I'm a great supporter of these ideas to create awareness of such issues at parish pump level."

Rackham is mistrustful of the whole basis of today's forestry industry, shaped as it is almost wholly by subsidies based on guesswork about world demand for timber in 50 or 150 years' time. He does not go so far as to call for an end to subsidies, but he wishes that trees could be planted, where they must, as a philanthropic activity which should be its own reward.

It is quixotic to hope that more than a few of the storm-ravaged plantations can ever recover on that basis, let alone the thousands of farmland acres soon likely to be turned into woodland under EEC set-aside policies.

The fact is that land left to its own devices will never return to anything resembling Rackham's favoured model, the traditional English wood. As his own research has shown, such woods are the product of centuries of management, mainly on the old "coppice and standard" system, where the main product of husbandry was poles and firewood regularly cut from coppiced or pollarded trees, while a proportion of "standard" trees were allowed to grow tall for eventual use as building timber.

It is the most ecologically rewarding form of woodland management, but it is extremely labour-intensive, and modern markets are not geared to cope with large quantities of small wood. Rackham insists that coppicing has recovered to some extent from its low point 20 years ago, but it is unlikely ever to be more than marginal unless there is a revolution in attitudes and markets.

With no management the most probable outcome would be a tangled form of woodland which might be interesting to researchers, but would have little economic value, and few attractions to visitors.

Rackham's distaste for the tedious monoculture of the modern plantation, stripped of all history by being clear-felled every few decades, is understandable. But the debate that is needed is not about whether we should plant and manage, but about how we should do so. In overstating his warnings against the more ruthless forms of management, he comes close to rejecting practicable management altogether. After having scotched so many myths about the landscape, he is at risk of launching a new myth of his own.

*George Hill's history of the storm of 1987, Hurricane Force, was published last month.*

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Commentary • PETER BRIMELOW

# Creaking imperial echoes

New York

A wild rumour swept Britain in the early stages of World War I that Russian troops had been seen passing through railway stations en route from the North Sea ports to the Western front — complete with "snow on their boots". After a week travelling in the Soviet Union, my own boots have turned to the peculiar bleached white of leather exposed too long to sleet and slush. (There was a shoe cleaning machine in the Moscow Intourist Hotel, but it was broken.)

These are first reflections, written during Finnair's transatlantic flight, on a policy that, even if Ronald Reagan no longer describes it as evil, is still very much an empire — the last survivor, in fact, of the Victorian age of imperialism.

The central reality of the Soviet Union, even from the point of view of the traveller confined perforce to the Potemkin cities of the tourist route, is that it is a Third World country. Things simply don't work well, if at all. The surrounding shambles and scarcity constantly infiltrate the international hotels, fortresses of relative civilization erected, as is typical throughout the Third World, by foreign mercenaries, in this case often Finns and even Poles.

Lights and bathroom fixtures don't work and shower curtains and bath plugs go missing, as indeed do room reservations themselves. Most visitors will need the protection of an organized group — we were travelling with a squad of journalists under the auspices of the Washington-based World Media Association — although my indomitable traveloholic wife says she's game to go it alone.

This economic failure emphasizes the Soviets' astonishing political success in getting themselves accepted as a superpower. Straggling across the tarmac of Leningrad's tiny airport towards a huge Ilyushin-86 airliner silhouetted against the night sky tells part of the story. The Il-86, with its generous internal configuration reflecting what our military experts said is its primary function as a troop carrier, results from a command economy's ability to swamp a favoured sector with resources.

As Nobel Economics Laureate, Milton Friedman, noted recently, the Soviet Union contains two economies: a mother country, the ruling class including the military, and a colony, the rest of the population. The former exploits the latter in the crudest mercantilist sense.

In the major cities this exploitation is perhaps less obvious than it was. Clothes appear reasonably cut to the casual observer (although sharper eyes detected poor quality materials). And enough Soviet citizens have now got their hands on Western clothes to cause the hotel doormen occasionally to attempt to bar a Western guest by mistake, thus incidentally revealing their true function: keeping natives away from possible contamination by the foreign devils.

For what it's worth, however, all the unofficial contacts established by our highly fissiparous group agreed that Soviet living conditions had actually deteriorated in the last two years. One Intourist guide said frankly that Raisa Gorbachov is the focus of much discontent because she appears in three outfits a day when ordinary people face high prices, endless lines and shortages of staples. In the street outside the GUM department store, in the Ukrainian capital of Kiev, last week, more than 100 people were jostling in an eager line to buy an allotment of — four cartons of soap powder.

Dramatic evidence of economic strain is provided by the exchange rate. The Soviets do not allow the import or export of their currency. Incomers are supposed to buy it at the official exchange rate: one rouble for US$1.60. But the black marketeers who materialize whenever a tour bus stops — and in hotel corridors, even in Red Square itself — are offering five or six, even as many as nine roubles to the US dollar, effectively valuing the rouble at 11-20 cents.

And this is down sharply from last year's valuation of 25 cents, a serious exchange rate collapse, despite the US dollar's relatively weak performance over the period. Particularly taking into account the black marketeers' high transaction costs, the real exchange rate suggests that the Soviet economy, sometimes estimated at 60 per cent of that of the US, may actually be as low as a tenth of it — much more like Britain's.

Other impressions: Russian crowds smell and push rudely. But they wait for delayed aeroplanes with an eerie passivity. And no foreigner can stop to consult a map without a passer-by shyly trying to help, even when totally innocent of English. Change is meticulously counted out and cities are completely safe, a fundamental achievement that in recent years has quite eluded the US ruling class.

As an outsider, I wondered what the Russians made of the unruly, cheerful, note-taking, camera-clicking, apparently naive Americans. (How can Raisa afford her wardrobe in an egalitarian society? — "It goes without saying," said the guide patiently. "They are open-hearted," she told me of her charges.)

The contrast was sharpest with the small minority of intensely intelligent, highly sophisticated Soviet officials who seemed to be present at every meeting and who spoke of the need for *glasnost* and *peristroika* with a patriotic passion that made me think of the aristocratic reformers in the last years of the Tsar. Something is happening in Russia. The retarded, epileptic, monstrous younger brother of Europe is stirring again. The results of this next spasm can only be guessed.

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## FURY OF TANK FIGHTING

From our Special Correspondent

WITH A BRITISH ARMOURED UNIT, LIBYA, NOV. 23.

The battle of the tanks in Libya is still going on. The Germans are fighting furiously to destroy the British tank forces and to break through the ring. The British are fighting with equal fury to prevent them.

The tank battles are an affair of sudden onslaughts in unexpected places. Essentially, the fight is between individual tank crews and victory goes to the crew of the tank which sticks the exchange of blows the longer. For sheer cold heroism, there can have been little in this or any war to surpass that of those British tank crews who, with lighter guns and less thick armour, have stood up to and fought off time and again the massive German medium tanks, armed with a gun twice the size of theirs.

One cannot be everywhere at once, and I decided to go in search of our unit with American tanks which were reported to be fighting hard. Finding a tank unit in the desert is not easy. They move all day and at dusk go into close laager wherever they may happen to be.

Eventually their supply echelon was located and headquarters reached just as they were about to move off in support of another unit which was heavily engaged. Already the American tanks had been thrice in action within 36 hours, mostly in the region north-west of Sidi Omar. They were first attacked by 60 tanks on the second evening in the campaign. The Germans were outnumbered and eventually withdrew from the action.

Meanwhile, however, Rommel had brought the bulk of his force from Tobruk to join up with the force based on the Bardia area, and the American tanks had to face next morning an attack by a large number of German tanks. The action which ensued was, on the British side, heroic and successful. We were pushed back a couple of miles, but it was the Germans who eventually broke off the action.

Where the [German Mark IV tanks] were in action the fight must have been something like that between a terrier and a mastiff. In this case the terrier took a good few wounds, but also inflicted many, and the Germans broke off the action. They attacked again later, but this apparently was only a diversion. Von Rommel had decided to switch his force westwards in search of some easier prey.

A tank unit on the march in the desert is an impressive sight. The tanks in front, Command vehicle, and headquarters transport were not visible, but the formations behind them with their high turrets dipping and rising as they cruised on the uneven desert surface and their signal pennons waving in the breeze looked for all the world like a great fleet of destroyers...

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# TRADING FIGURES

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, has developed a subtle argument that Britain's bad trade figures are not of themselves a cause for concern. The current account deficit represents, among other things, a surplus of investment opportunities in Britain over the private sector savings available to finance them. It reflects the revival of confidence in Britain and the attractions of investment here – not matters for worry.

This is true, but not the only version of the truth which matters. The current account – though arguably not important in itself – is often eloquent in what it tells us about the economy. Yesterday's trade figures carried a clear and simple message: demand in the economy is still too high.

Various factors, including the postal strike and the incidence of trade in the more erratic items like aircraft and precious stones, have combined to exaggerate the turnround since the previous month. But when all is said, a rise in imports of £1 billion in a single month must indicate an unsustainable pace of economic expansion. In this context, the rapid rise in retail sales for October becomes ominous.

Some of this may represent EEC companies striving to position themselves in the British market ahead of 1992: imports both from EEC countries and the rest of Europe have risen sharply. But a European invasion will be most likely to succeed if consumers are buying more than British industry can readily supply. Although there have been a few straws in the wind suggesting that higher interest rates have begun to take effect, including a slower increase in bank lending and a lower level of mortgage commitments, the news of a record current account deficit of £2.43 billion last month clearly suggests that the economy is still growing too fast.

Mr Lawson's reaction was to raise interest rates by 1 per cent to 13 per cent. That was the correct response, though it remains to be seen if it is a sufficient one. As he said in the speech to the International Monetary Fund in which he spelled out his views on the significance of the current account: "First and foremost, the government has a responsibility to curb inflation by maintaining a sound monetary policy. If monetary conditions are too lax, the authorities have to tighten them".

In an open economy like Britain's, counter-inflation policy cannot be detached from the exchange rate. To have done nothing in the face of such figures would have risked a run on sterling which would quickly have fed through into higher inflation. As it was, while share prices plummeted to the disadvantage of the British Steel flotation, the pound rose.

There are several more reassuring themes which can be derived from the figures. The volume of exports, excluding oil and erratic items, has continued to grow rapidly during the past three months. This testifies to the revolution in British industry's efficiency and competitiveness.

On the import side, purchases of capital goods have continued to rise. This is good news for further improvements in industry's capacity to supply. Meanwhile the inflow of capital to finance investment in Britain is to some extent the reverse of the outflow of oil revenues into investments overseas which so worried the critics earlier in the decade.

Calls for the Government to make greater use of fiscal policy as well as monetary policy have steadily increased, the latest coming from the Confederation of British Industry. Smaller tax cuts would mean that interest rates too could be lower, it is argued.

As long-term interest rates have so far risen little, the idea that they have significantly curbed investment is not very plausible. In any case it is not generally efficient to make mid-year tax or spending changes.

But the Budget is now only four months away. It is becoming less likely that the economic position will have so changed by then as to make sizeable tax cuts sensible.

# THE PACT'S POTENTIAL

Yesterday's release of official figures for Nato's conventional forces in Europe can be seen as the real opening of the Conventional Stability Talks (CST). They have not opened formally but, in common with every other arms control negotiation in the past, they will be preceded by a statistical bombardment. Yesterday was Nato's ranging shot.

The release of such detail so early may avoid the snags which have bedevilled previous attempts. Many problems have helped ruin the Mutual Balanced Force Reduction Talks which preceded CST but one of the earliest was the failure to agree on force levels. Without such data there can be no mutually satisfactory "counting rules". Without counting rules there can be little real negotiation.

The second useful purpose of yesterday's exercise was the promotion of western cohesion in what will be a long and difficult negotiation. There are many more participants than, for example, in the preceding INF talks: sixteen Nato and seven Warsaw Pact countries, multiplying the problems of intra-alliance coordination.

One entanglement on the allied side is already slowing progress. France has always been opposed to participate in "bloc-to-bloc" talks. This has posed a problem because negotiations to reduce conventional forces from the Atlantic to the Urals would have little meaning if France were excluded. The refusal of the French to participate in the Mutual Balanced Force Reduction talks was one reason for their ineffectiveness.

The way around the French problem was agreed at a Nato meeting in Reykjavik in 1987. It was agreed to propose the setting up of two forums for conventional arms talks, both under the umbrella of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE). The first, dealing with confidence-building measures, would include all 35 CSCE countries, while the second, the CST, would bring together the Nato and Warsaw Pact countries.

A loose linkage between CST and CSCE was good enough for the previous French government, but with the defeat of M. Chirac and the consolidation of President Mitterrand's position, Paris reverted to its traditional suspicion of "bloc-to-bloc".

For months it has been assumed that the CST mandate negotiations were all but over and that the negotiators were waiting for the CSCE talks to catch up. But in the last few weeks the French have backed away from one of the basic understandings on which the mandate talks depended.

There is a compelling reason for this hesitation to be overcome. The Soviet General Staff is believed to have made major progress in recent years in the cost-effectiveness of the forces which are ready to invade western Europe. There have been persistent hints that a serious Soviet offer of deep troop cuts is soon to be made. Senior Soviets, including Mr Shevardnadze, have spoken of evacuating Soviet troops from Hungary.

The exact room for manoeuvre which this reorganization has provided for Mr Gorbachov is uncertain. There is no guarantee that the Warsaw pact will respond in kind to yesterday's figures. The Pact has not published any up-to-date equivalent of yesterday's breakdown – and may not do so.

But it is clear that the same objectives can be achieved with fewer men and weapons. West German estimates say that Warsaw Pact forces could now be cut by between a quarter and a third without doing any damage to its European invasion capability.

There is an urgent need for coordinated work by the Western allies on their response to this development, both in their internal coordination and in the education of public opinion. Yesterday's statistics serve to remind Nato of the ultimate goal of conventional negotiations: the gradual dismantling of the huge Warsaw Pact superiority which not only allows for legitimate defence but also for surprise attack.

# DECADE OF THE PAST

The United Nations General Assembly voted overwhelmingly this week to declare the 1990s an International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism. Ordinary mortals might place desertification and the greenhouse effect, drug-trafficking, Aids, or the use of chemical weapons, to pick a sample of urgent global threats crying out for co-operative action, somewhat higher on the UN agenda. Ordinary mortals have little conception of the capacity of the body which claims to represent "the international community" to bury itself in yesterday's battles.

Colonialism still exists – in Tibet, for example and, as the world is currently being reminded, in the Baltic states. These wrongs, however, figure on no UN list. They are considered to be within the internal affairs of UN member states and thus disbarred from consideration. The UN prefers to take note of "Western colonialism".

Negotiations to resolve the two genuine remaining cases which fit under the colonialist rubric, Namibia and Western Sahara, are well advanced. The illegal and cruel Indonesian occupation of East Timor could also be ended if the UN's Third World majority were to visit on one of its own a fraction of the opprobrium with which it covers South Africa.

Consider the rest of the UN's official list of territories to whose "liberation" from the colonialist yoke the decade is to be addressed. There are 15 of them, 10 British. The average population of these island communities is 34,000, that of a largeish market town; Pitcairn, the smallest, has 57 inhabitants.

Never mind: the right to self-determination has already created a host of micro-states, with populations as small as 6,000, which are unlikely ever to be viable economically. One generation having chosen independence, the next will one day weigh its costs. But in the theology of decolonization, even the small matter of what people want now tends to be ignored.

All the British territories are self-governing. In none does a majority wish independence (or, in the cases of Gibraltar and the Falklands, a change of master). Not that such niceties would weigh with the UN's decolonization committee: the American-ruled Samoans have begged, in vain, to be taken off the list and left alone.

The United States cast the single vote against this benign scheme for wasting the UN's moral and material credit. Britain, whose "instinct" was to do so, opted for European Community unity – which could only be mustered for abstention. The incident is in one sense minor, as the Foreign Office seems to believe. Nothing will come of the decade except paper "action plans" and pointless conferences to monitor their "implementation".

But in another sense the decision is symbolic of the irresponsibility of the UN's Third World majority. Only this summer, guidelines had been agreed to restore the impact of UN "years" and "decades" by restricting their number. This, as the British stated in New York, is "just the kind of ill-considered and irrelevant idea" against which the guidelines were directed.

Members of the non-aligned movement, whose invention this was, never tire of complaining that the West does not take the UN seriously. If they want the West to stop treating the General Assembly like a Third World playpen, the remedy is in their hands. Britain would have done better to drive the point home by voting against this absurd proposal rather than sheltering behind the convenient fiction of Community consensus to avoid offending the Third World.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Refuseniks' fast for visa rights

*From Dr Igor Uspenskiy*

Sir, On November 6 the Soviet newspaper *Izvestia* published an article about great changes in Soviet society under conditions of *perestroika* and *glasnost*. From the title of the article, "Hope for the millions", it is understandable that the author is delighted with these changes to such an extent that he should share his impressions with Soviet readers.

However, for us people, who have not been permitted to leave the country for many years, it is still questionable whether there are any changes in the country and whether we really live now "under conditions of a democratic society" surrounded with "kindness and concern" of the state.

The situation can be illustrated by our own story. At the end of 1986, when the family of my brother-in-law, Alexander Ioffe, had already been in refusal for exit visas to Israel for 10 years, his 23-year-old son Dmitriy together with his wife and baby asked for visas independently from his parents. He was refused because "his parents are in the country and we (officials) don't divide families".

I think that the unlawfulness and hypocrisy of these reasons goes without saying. However, to prove the right of his son to leave the country independently, Alexander had to go on hunger strike which lasted for 19 days. On the 19th day he received a promise that his son's family would be granted exit visas and in a month they really left the country. Our own son now finds himself in a similar situation.

We have been in refusal for more than nine years. Last April, when our son Vyacheslav became 18 ("legal age"), he asked for his own visa. He had all legal rights to obtain a visa but up to now the officials have refused even to consider his case independently. They have not given any explanations but for one-and-a-half years they have used various pretexts not to consider his case, so denying his legal right for a visa.

The defence of his human rights and his dignity have made it imperative for our son to go on hunger strike. My wife, Inna Ioffe-Uspenskiy, and I cannot afford to be passive in the face of calculated inhumanity and deliberate arbitrariness of the Soviet officials towards our son. We will be fasting with him. Our hunger strike will start November 24.

I invite you, Sir, and your readers to be referees of this test. I promise to let you know the results in due course but, unfortunately, I don't yet know myself how soon it will be.

Yours faithfully,
IGOR USPENSKIY,
125 Prospect Vernadskogo, Apt 237,
Moscow 117571, USSR.
November 15.

## Child cruelty

*From Mr A. R. Taylor*

Sir, The "inadequacy" of the maximum available prison sentence, referred to by the judge in a recent case of child cruelty (report, November 22) has now been remedied by section 45 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988. This raises the maximum sentence from two years to 10 years and came into force on September 29, but only for offences committed after that date.

Yours faithfully,
A. R. TAYLOR
(Chief Crown Prosecutor, Greater Manchester area),
Crown Prosecution Service,
PO Box 377,
8th Floor, Sunlight House,
Quay Street, Manchester.
November 22.

## Present indicative

*From Mrs Patricia Collins*

Sir, When I was about six years old I gave my mother a thimble for her birthday in November. Imagine my emotions when I received the very same thimble as a Christmas present from one of my siblings!

In her defence it must be said that our very loving mother was a trifle absentminded and her children were numerous.

To make matters worse, I was a tomboy who would rather die than sew . . .

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA COLLINS,
33 Barons Court Road, W14.
November 23.

## Jam yesterday, today and tomorrow

*From Mrs Carmen Hass-Klau*

Sir, Sir Colin Buchanan (article, November 22) recalls the Government's report, *Traffic in Towns*, which is as valid as when it was written in 1963. The report was translated into German in 1964 and was compulsory reading for every German planner.

In Germany, Sir Colin is regarded as the father of "traffic calming" (*Verkehrsberuhigung*) – a transport policy which tries to slow motor traffic down in residential areas and attempts to tackle the much more difficult problem of improving living and working conditions on major roads.

Extremely good public transport facilities, large-scale pedestrianisation and promotion of bicycle transport are important ingredients in making it work and environmental considerations have helped to make it popular. It has now been successfully applied for over 10 years.

Why is it that in Britain, where traffic calming was invented 25 years ago, central Government ignores the substantial research which suggests that it can reduce the severity of accidents and the level of car pollution, as well as improving the urban environment?

Yours faithfully,
CARMEN HASS-KLAU
(Director),
Environmental and Transport Planning,
10 Clermont Terrace,
Brighton, East Sussex.
November 22.

*From Mr Iltyd Harrington*

Sir, I accept that Sir Colin Buchanan is still carrying the burden of the rejection of a major roads programme for London during the early 1970s. He is not, however, entitled to point a scornful finger at the Labour group, who were elected to control the GLC in 1973, for their rejection of the "motorway box". I note he calls it "the carefully considered road proposals of the Layfield Panel".

After all, our opposition to that piece of urban vandalism was the reason for our election victory.

In those heady days of local government we did what we were elected for. It was my public duty as chairman of GLC policy to place before the council the rejection of all work on those proposals which London had democratically rejected.

I have a strong feeling that the current Minister of Transport's "West London Assessment Study" will be seen for what it was – the infamous West Cross route. That is why once again thousands of Londoners are turning out to public meetings to defend their homes.

Will no one in the Department of the Environment put the "motorway box" back where it belongs – viz. Pandora's Box.

Yours faithfully,
ILLTYD HARRINGTON,
16 Lea House,
Salisbury Street, NW8.
November 22.

*From Mr H. A. Burrard*

Sir, Sir Colin Buchanan hits the nail on the head when he says that greatly improved driver behaviour is the key to traffic planning. When I learnt to drive in 1938-39, my instructor's constant admonition to me was, "Never forget you are now in charge of a potential lethal weapon".

Would that some of our present-day drivers heeded that advice as they rush around the country in their potentially ever more lethal weapons.

Yours sincerely,
H. A. BURRARD,
776a Finchley Road, NW11.
November 23.

## High-speed rail link

*From Professor R. T. Bottle*

Sir, British Rail suggests that "profit constraints" mean that they "would spend probably no more than 10 per cent on environmental safeguards" (report, November 22). Informed estimates indicate at least twice this amount would be necessary for routes 1 or 2 for the Channel tunnel high-speed rail link (HSRL).

The Government should therefore establish a fund to provide good environmental protection, compensation for home owners and for council tenants forced to move because of excessive noise, sound-proofing of public buildings, etc., with payments before construction begins.

The fund and the accumulated interest thereon would be amortised by means of a "noise tax" on the passengers using the HSRL, approximately proportional to the number of residents affected. The noise tax would also subsidise poll tax of residents remaining near the track but subjected to increased noise levels.

The noise tax principle could be extended to toll motorways, new airports, quarrying and so on. It would enable corporate planners to estimate the full costs of projects and help ensure that the economics of their proposals reflected, at least in part, the social costs. A noise tax has, of course, been levied on passengers at Paris airports for years and pays for many of the measures suggested above.

Yours faithfully,
R. T. BOTTLE,
Dial House, East Street,
Harrietsham,
Maidstone, Kent.
November 22.

## Conveyancing change

*From Mr David Thorley*

Sir, We endorse wholeheartedly the proposals contained within the Law Commission's report entitled "Honesty or suspicion in conveyancing?" (report, November 16) and believe that they should be supported by all truly professional firms of estate agents.

One of the effects of the new survey procedure would be to accelerate the process of buying and selling houses. We have been championing this cause since our recent housebuyers' poll revealed that the majority of the public (62 per cent) were demanding this as a key area of improvement.

The Law Commission has proposed that a previously-conducted survey should be part of the sale procedure for any property, but that might involve a conflict of interest and it would be impractical to provide a copy of the survey to everyone who expressed an interest in a property.

Accordingly, we would suggest that the structural survey is given to the prospective purchaser at the point when a firm offer is made. This would speed things up and allow the purchaser to make a reasoned decision in the knowledge of the full facts.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID THORLEY
(Marketing Director),
Hamptons (Estate agents, surveyors & auctioneers),
6 Arlington Street,
St James's, SW1.
November 16.

## Pre-school knowledge

*From the Director of the National Children's Bureau*

Sir, Mrs Jeanne Jinks (November 24) a specialist English teacher, in effect chastises today's parents for failing to pass on to their offspring nursery rhymes, fairy stories, infant games and other pre-school knowledge. She seems totally to ignore the fact that these parents are the products of yesterday's education system.

In any event, the disappearance of such knowledge is a much more complex issue than Mrs Jinks appears to be implying. Amongst other things, we must hope that the new national curriculum framework for English will help in the future as would a more structured approach in many schools to the personal and social education of tomorrow's parents.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD DAVIE, Director,
National Children's Bureau,
8 Wakley Street, EC1.

*From Mrs Deborah L. Horsman*

Sir, As a potential buyer/vendor, I welcome the chance to avoid major deception in house sales. However, I hope this new honesty will not end the light relief afforded by estate agents' jargon. "Unkempt grounds" would be a poor substitute for "the gardens are in a somewhat natural state".

Yours sincerely,
DEBORAH L. HORSMAN,
16 Longmead,
Merrow,
Guildford, Surrey.
November 16.

## Church and schools

*From Mr Patrick Topp*

Sir, I would wish to correct the impression given in your report on November 14 that Cardinal Hume has opposed the principle of schools opting out. Together with the Roman Catholic bishops, he took issue over the serious weakening of the trustees' role in the procedures, which the Government outlined without reference to the consequences for voluntary aided schools. These are only now becoming apparent.

No voluntary church school which aims to sever its link with the local education authority is thereby removed from the provision of the Church, nor can it subsequently act independently of its trustees. To quote from the Government's own booklet *Education Reform*:

> The foundation or trust at a former voluntary school will continue to run it and appoint a majority of the governing body. This means that church schools will keep their distinctive religious character.

When parents of a voluntary school seek grant-maintained status it does not increase the powers of the Church but continues to maintain the relationship of concern and support which already exists between school and diocese.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK TOPP
(Schools Education Officer),
Diocese of Westminster,
33 Wilfred Street, SW1.
November 22.

*From Mrs Imelda Bolger*

Sir, Not all Catholic parents are concerned about academic excellence. Those less concerned are satisfied to fulfil their obligation by supporting any Catholic school.

Canon law 797 affirms that parents must have real freedom in their choice of schools, whilst canon law 806 affirms that those who are in charge of Catholic schools are to ensure, under the supervision of the local Ordinary [bishop or archbishop], that the formation given in them is, in its academic standards, at least as outstanding as that in other schools in the area.

Spirituality does not enter this debate: it is about politics in Catholic education.

Yours sincerely,
IMELDA BOLGER,
11 Helena Court, Eaton Rise,
Ealing, W5.

*From Mr Laurie Tanner*

Sir, Mr Patrick Topp is reported (November 14) as saying that in canon law all educational questions are the province of the bishops. However, man-made canon law does not take precedence over that natural law which St Thomas Aquinas described as written by God in the hearts of men. Moreover, it is not good law so far as the laity are concerned, since for them it lacks the essential element of promulgation.

Canon law was made by clerics for clerics. The laity were not consulted, nor was the codex published to them. Indeed, until recent years, the penalty for translating any part of canon law into the vernacular was excommunication.

Yours,
LAURIE TANNER,
2 Hawkins Close,
Brompton,
Chatham,
Kent.
November 15.

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## Art studies in London at risk

*From the President of the Royal Academy of Arts and others*

Sir, We understand that the London Institute will be making formal decisions early in December on its draft five-year plan for fine art teaching which was recently made available for discussion in the constituent colleges. Under this plan all specialist fine art studies in London will be concentrated in three colleges, each with its own distinct area of study.

Acceptance of the plan would, we believe, be contrary to the long-term interest not only of the students and staff concerned but also of the industries and professions it seeks to serve, particularly because of its proposal to effect yet further separation between art and design.

If the plan is approved, the intention would be to remove a number of courses from their present schools and regroup them, according to subjects, on different sites.

This would include moving the fine art course from Camberwell to Chelsea, whose graphic design course would in turn go to Camberwell, thus demolishing in each case the connection between fine art and design which seems to us essential.

We are alarmed by what seems to us a retrograde and destructive plan. Far from solving the difficulties of its constituent schools, often at considerable distance from each other, its effect would seem likely to increase them.

May we, Sir, through the courtesy of your columns, urge that all concerned should reject these proposals.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER de GREY, President,
LAWRENCE GOWING,
THEO CROSBY, JEAN MUIR,
RALPH JEFFERY,
Royal Academy of Arts,
Piccadilly, W1.
November 25.

## Mappa Mundi sale

*From the President of the Royal Geographical Society and others*

Sir, The news that the famous 13th-century Hereford world map may shortly be auctioned is a matter of grave concern to the Royal Geographical Society and to all historians of cartography.

Forty years ago this society, and most notably the late Lord Rennell of Rodd, its then president, examined the map in Hereford Cathedral and found it to be in a truly deplorable state. It arranged for its professional cleaning and conservation and for its mounting on an oak stand made by a local craftsman.

The society also published a facsimile of the map accompanied by a memoir by Mr G. R. Crone, librarian and map curator at the society and a leading specialist in medieval cartography. His researches revealed that it descends from a series of maps dating back to late Roman times.

This priceless national treasure must be retained in Britain. Its best and obvious home, if it has to leave Hereford Cathedral, would be the British Library, successor to the British Museum which carried out the restoration work on our behalf. There it would be in safe and expert hands.

Yours faithfully,
CHORLEY, President,
GEORGE BISHOP,
JOHN HEMMING, JOHN HUNT,
L. KIRWAN, SHACKLETON,
HELEN WALLIS, MICHAEL WISE,
Royal Geographical Society,
Kensington Gore, SW7.

## Women priests

*From the Director of the Church Society*

Sir, In your opinion poll on the ordination of women published today (November 14) you state that 58 per cent support the ordination of women to the priesthood, 27 per cent oppose it and 15 per cent don't know or give no answer. You say that some of the findings will alarm the lobbies campaigning against women priests.

That may well be so, but in one general trend they surely can take heart. A similar question asked in a Gallup Poll commissioned in 1984 by Church Society showed 79 per cent of regular church attenders supported the ordination of women as priests, 13 per cent were opposed to it, and 8 per cent didn't know. The comparison suggests a very marked falling off of support of women's ordination and growing opposition to it, contrary to the belief of some that this is an unstoppable bandwagon.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SAMUEL, Director,
Church Society,
186 Kennington Park Road, SE11.
November 14.

## Inventive ploy

*From Dr D. H. Marrian*

Sir, Following Mr Hannaford's inventive use of a Marmite top to replace a lost lens cap (November 23), may I offer my solution to the recurring loss of golf club covers (which, in any case, tend to be too short to protect the shafts)?

I use a selection of odd socks (of which I seem to accumulate a large number), which are long enough, easy to slip on even in the rain, and tend to distract my opponents.

Yours faithfully,
DENIS MARRIAN,
Trinity College,
Cambridge.
November 23.

# COURT AND SOCIAL

## COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 25: The Princess Royal this morning visited the West Midlands. Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, visited Boldmere First School, Sutton Coldfield and the Save the Children Fund, 32-34 Birmingham Road, Sutton Coldfield.

This afternoon, Her Royal Highness opened the Crown Court Building and the new Magistrates' Courts and Probation Offices in Coventry.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the West Midlands, (the Earl of Aylesford).

The Princess Royal, attended by Mrs Charles Ritchie, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 25: The Prince of Wales presented certificates to trainees and instructors of the Boroughskills Training Centre, King's Lynn, at the Wolferton Training Centre, Wolferton, Norfolk.

Commander Richard Aylard, RN, was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 25: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Honorary Air Commodore Royal Air Force Coningsby, this afternoon received Group Captain C. C. C. Coville on relinquishing his appointment as Station Commander, and Group Captain M. K. Widdowson on assuming this appointment.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 25: The Duke of Gloucester this morning opened the National Federation of Self Employed and Small Businesses' European Conference on Education and Training at Lancaster House, London SW1.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 25: The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today presented the Cumbrian Newspapers Limited's annual export awards in Carlisle, Cumbria.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Captain Charles Page.

The Duchess of Kent, today visited British Aerospace plc's Warton Unit, near Lancaster.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs David Napier.

The Princess of Wales has accepted an invitation to be President of the Printers' Charitable Corporation for 1989.

## Birthdays

TODAY: Major-General Sir John Acland, 60; Sir Richard Acland, former MP, 82; Professor Margaret Boden, philosopher and psychologist, 52; Dr Cyril Cusack, actor, 78; Sir Alan Dalton, chairman, English China Clays, 65; Mr Geoffrey Drain, trade unionist, 70; Sir Sidney Eburne, former Senior Crown Agent, 70; Lord Forte, 80; the Earl of Gowrie, 49; Sir Patrick Graham, former High Court judge, 73; Mr John Gummer, MP, 49; Mr R.W. Hamilton, archaeologist, 83; Professor Sir Harry Hinsley, Master, St John's College, Cambridge, 69; Vice-Admiral Sir James Kennon, 63; Lord McFadzean of Kelvinside, 73; Mr John Moore, MP, 51; Lord Rathcreedan, 83; Mr Charles Schultz, cartoonist, 66; Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, 65; Mrs Barbara Switzer, trade unionist, 48; Miss Tina Turner, singer, 50.

TOMORROW: Mr John Alderton, actor, 48; Professor John Ashworth, vice-chancellor, Salford University, 50; Mr Rowan Bentall, president, Bentalls, 77; Mr Rodney Bewes, actor, 51; Lord Bridges, 61; the Rev Dr Edward Carpenter, former Dean of Westminster, 78; the Earl of Cottenham, 40; Mr Robert Dougall, broadcaster, 75; Air Marshal Sir Eric Dunn, 61; Admiral Sir Ian Easton, 71; Mr James Evans, former chairman, International Thomson Organization, 56; Lord Howard de Walden, 76; Lieutenant-General Sir Edward Howard-Vyse, 83; Mr Walter Klien, pianist, 60; Viscount Lambert, 79; Miss Verity Lambert, film and television producer, 53; the Marquess of Lansdowne, 76; Colonel Sir Edward Malet, 80; Miss Ann Mallalieu, QC, 43; Sir David Nickson, chairman, Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, 59; Mrs Margaret Parry, former headmistress, Heathfield School, Ascot, 69; Mr F. Leslie Preston, architect, 85; Mr Alan Simpson, scriptwriter, 59; Mr Ernie Wise, comedian, 63.

## Anniversaries

**Today**

BIRTHS: William Cowper, poet, Great Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire, 1731; Georg Forster, explorer, Nassenhuben, Poland, 1754; John Alexander Newlands, chemist, London, 1837; Sir Henry Coward, chorus master and conductor, Liverpool, 1849; Sir Aurel Stein, archaeologist, Budapest, 1862; Emlyn Williams, actor, Mostyn, Clwyd, 1905.

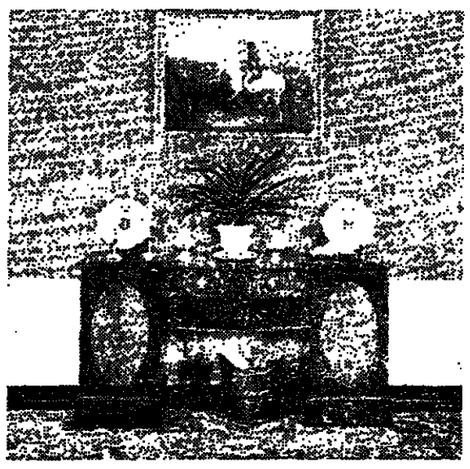
DEATHS: Nicolaus Steno, geologist, Schwerin, Germany, 1686; John McAdam, inventor of the road surface bearing his name, Moffat, Dumfriesshire, 1836; Adam Mickiewicz, poet, Constantinople, 1855; Coventry Patmore, poet, Lymington, Hampshire, 1896; Sir Leander Jameson, leader of the abortive raid (1895) into the Transvaal, London, 1917; Cyril Connolly, critic, London, 1974.

More than 8,000 people perished in the Great Storm, 1703.

**Tommorrow**

BIRTHS: Anders Celsius, astronomer, inventor of the centigrade thermometer, Uppsala, Sweden, 1701; John Murray, publisher, London, 1778; Fanny Kemble, actress, London, 1809; Sir Charles Sherrington, physiologist, Nobel laureate 1932, London, 1857; Chaim Weizmann, 1st president of Isreal 1949-52, Motol, Russia, 1874.

DEATHS: Jacopo Sansovino, sculptor, Venice, 1570; Henry Winstanley, designer of the first Eddystone lighthouse, drowned when it collapsed, 1703; Andrew Meikle, millwright and inventor of a threshing machine, Houston Mill, Dunbar, 1811; Alexander Dumas, the Younger, dramatist and poet, Paris, 1895; Eugene O'Neill, dramatist, Boston, Massachusetts, 1953; Arthur Honegger, composer, Paris, 1955.

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# Faith in the country

The decline in religious belief and practice in Britain is too well documented to need another survey to prove it. What such surveys tend to obscure, however, is that the decline is from a very high baseline, and the British are still fundamentally a religious people.

The newest research confirms that impression: three quarters of the population, for instance, stated that it was either "certainly" or "probably" true that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Thorough research into the state of religion in Britain has regularly been undertaken by the Independent Broadcasting Authority. The latest report in the series, just published, is primarily aimed at providing a context in which religious programming and scheduling decisions can (or ought to be) made by the IBA and the commercial televison companies. But it has also become a unique source for recording not just the overall decline in "religiosity" in the population, but the more intriguing changes in various aspects of it.

Previous surveys in this IBA series have demonstrated that regular church attendance is an unreliable guide to the presence of religion in society, though subject to the same pattern of fall. Thus 47 per cent of the population — about five times as many as actually go to church — said they would describe themselves as "very" or "fairly" religious.

This was a drop of 11 per cent in 20 years, but still a substantial figure. There was the same percentage drop in those who said they were either "certain" (42 per cent) or "believed but were not certain" (27 per cent) that there was a God; the combined totals came to 80 per cent 20 years ago.

Religion is still regarded as a most important part of life by more than half the population: 56 per cent said it was "necessary", 54 per cent "essential." And even in 1986, when the data was collected, there was an overwhelming opinion that religion was a good thing: it provided a set of rules to live by (65 per cent); it helped to maintain standards in society (69 per cent); it helped people to face problems (81 per cent); it comforted the sick and dying (92 per cent).

This was underlined by another result, which showed that the more religious a person was, the more emphasis he placed on satisfying the needs of others. The less important religion was, the more likely a person was to state as his "life goal" the satisfaction of his own wants.

Indeed, the still strong presence of religion appears to explain the substantial degree of altruism in society: 52 per cent stated as their "life goal" making other people happy; 46 per cent the relief of human suffering; only 14 per cent "to be rich." Apart from suggesting that reducing taxes in order to cut social security would, on this evidence, be a formula for electoral suicide, the result brings out the failure of any alternative non-religious philosophy to provide a basis for morality and selflessness.

The report of the survey concludes that Britain is still manifestly a Christian society, though with a shift from faith to moral behaviour. Nevertheless, at least half the population admits to praying, and their prayers are much more likely to be about altruistic objectives than selfish ones.

The report's overall conclusion, given that this is an IBA survey, is the hardly surprising one that religious television is still widely watched and appreciated, still far from a minority taste. People are much more exposed to religion by this means, nowadays, than by churchgoing.

Broadcasting is set for irrevocable change, the report notes, with all aspects of television output under scrutiny and deregulation round the corner. "Some hints of what might await religious television have already appeared, with commercial broadcasting chiefs questioning the style, placement, and prominence of religious broadcasting." Since the report was written, Thames Television has announced that it is withdrawing from the field altogether: it presumably belongs to the 14 per cent who want to be rich, rather than the 52 per cent who want to make other people happy.

The evidence suggests that the potential audience is larger than the actual one; but it also suggests that any attempt to appeal to it by American-style "tele-evangelism", promoting fundamentalist Christianity, would be an expensive failure. Over three times as many people, 46 per cent, thought the Bible was inspired by God but not literally true, as those who thought it was true word by word, in the fundamentalist manner (14 per cent).

It is not the IBA's business to ask questions about the underlying causes of the trends recorded, but nor is it clear whose responsibility it is instead. The churches, by and large, are concerned more with their own active memberships than with the general state of religion among those who do not go to church, though the two are hardly unconnected. The IBA data, and a massive quantity of similar evidence collected over the years, describe a curious phenomenon for which there is still no convincing explanation.

By what process and for what reasons has faith declined in British society so significantly since the war? And why do exactly twice as many people say they believe that Jesus is the Son of God (74 per cent) than that God is "personal" (37 per cent)?

*Godwatching: Viewers, Religion and Television;* Published for the IBA by John Libbey Ltd; £9.50.

# Forthcoming marriages

**Mr S. Brewer**
**and Miss G.M.J. Romer**
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs John M. Brewer, of Sidcup, Kent, and Grace Miriam Jeanne, third daughter of Major Eugene M. Romer, USAF (retd), and Mrs Romer, of Ealing, London.

**Mr N. Cummins**
**and Miss C.J. Shaw**
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs B.D. Cummins, of Surfleet, Lincolnshire, and Catherine, youngest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs James Shaw, of Mosshead, Holybourne, Hampshire.

**Major J.T. David**
**and Miss K.L. Fell**
The engagement is announced between Major Timothy David, The King's Regiment, son of the late Mr and Mrs R.G.M. David, of Keynsham, Avon, and Karen, younger daughter of Mr Ray Fell, of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Mrs Margaret Fell, of Mollington, Cheshire.

**Mr J.L. Dennis**
**and Miss S.J. Illingworth**
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of the late Mr C. Dennis and Mrs P. Dennis, of Broadstairs, Kent, and Miss Sophie Illingworth, youngest daughter of the late Rear Admiral P.H.C. Illingworth, CB, and Mrs D. Illingworth, of Sherborne, Dorset.

**Dr S.A. Johnson**
**and Miss A.K. Davis**
The engagement is announced between Stephen, only son of Mrs Betty Johnson, of Paignton, Devon, and the late Captain David Johnson, and Andrea, daughter of Dr and Mrs Andrew Davis, of Commugny, Switzerland.

**Mr T.F. McClung**
**and Miss N.J.R. Stewart of Coll**
The engagement is announced between Fraser, elder son of Mr and Mrs Thomas McClung, Wester Coates Gardens, Edinburgh, and Nicola, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Stewart of Coll, Isle of Coll, Argyll.

**Mr D.N. Osborne**
**and Miss A. Verrall**
The engagement is announced between David Neil, only son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Osborne, of Wells, Somerset, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Verrall, of Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.

**Mr D.M.P. Paton**
**and Miss C.J. Davis**
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alistair Paton, of Painswick Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Cecilia, only daughter of Major and Mrs Cecil Davis, of The Mews, Clarendon Road, Bath.

**Mr S.J. Pile**
**and Miss C.M. Tiplady**
The engagement is announced between Steven, younger son of Mr and Mrs James Pile, of Romsey, Hampshire, and Catherine, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Trevor Tiplady, of Ramsbury, Wiltshire.

**Mr F.D. Porter**
**and Miss E.L. Liddle**
The engagement is announced between David, son of Major and Mrs F. Porter, of East Haybourne, Oxfordshire, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Liddle, of Harwell, Oxfordshire.

**Mr R.S. Pritchett**
**and Miss E.K. Archer**
The engagement is announced between Robert, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Pritchett, of Sudbury, Suffolk, and Elizabeth (Libby), younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Bryan Archer, of Denham Village, Buckinghamshire.

**Lieutenant D.K. Reed**
**and Miss L.A. Kearton**
The engagement is announced between Lieutenant David K. Reed, RE, son of Flight Lieutenant and Mrs K.B. Reed, of 14 Bolley Avenue, Bordon, Hampshire, and Louise Ann, daughter of Mrs M.L. Kearton, Graystone, Park Lane, Alston, Cumbria, and the late Mr Hugh Kearton.

**Mr H.P. Stevenson**
**and Dr K.L. Langdale**
The engagement is announced between Hamish, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.E.P. Stevenson, of Fairfield, Eshowe, South Africa, and Kay, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Langdale, of Earlsdon, Coventry.

**Mr D.G. Wallace**
**and Miss J. Richardson**
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.G.S. Wallace, of Sanderstead, and Jo, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Richardson, of Shrewsbury.

**Mr J. Watts**
**and Mrs J. Roberts**
The engagement is announced between Mr John Watts, of Coombe Hatch, Bishopsteignton, Devon, and Mrs Jean Roberts, Little Priors, Watcombe, Torquay.

**Mr N.D. Wells**
**and Miss K.J. Dix**
The engagement is announced between Neil David, second son of Mr and Mrs J.E. Wells, of Morden, Surrey, and Karen Jayne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.C. Dix, of North Duffield, North Yorkshire.

**Mr P.K.N. Wilson, WS**
**and Mrs V.A. Chambers**
Both families are delighted to announce the engagement between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs T.K.N. Wilson, of Wherwell, Hampshire, formerly of Edinburgh, and Veronica, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C. Ramray, of Buckie, Banffshire.

## Ball

**Foreign Press Association**
Mr Timothy Eggar, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, was the principal guest at the centenary ball of the Foreign Press Association in London held last night at the Savoy Hotel.

## Service reception

**The Queen's Regiment**
Brigadier H.C. Millman, Colonel of The Queen's Regiment, received officers and guests at the annual regimental cocktail party held last night at the Banqueting House, Whitehall.

## Appointments

Latest appointments include:
**The Earl of Shelburne** to be President of the Historic Houses Association, in succession to Commander L. M. M. Saunders Watson. **Mr William Proby** to be deputy president and **Lord Cobbold** to be honorary treasurer.

**Legal**
**Mr M. J. D. Baker** to be a circuit judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

**Mr Anthony C. Heywood** to be a member of the Tribunals Committee of the Judicial Studies Board.

# Dinners

**New Scotland Yard**
Sir Peter Imbert, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, presided at the tenth annual reunion dinner of the Assistant Commissioners' Mess held last night at New Scotland Yard.

**Old Latymerian Association**
Mr G.C.F. Gurney presided at the seventy-fifth annual dinner of the Old Latymerian Association held last night at Latymer Upper School. The others speakers were Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, Mr M. Pavey, headmaster, P. Malin-Telfer, school captain, and Mr A.J. Lewis.

**Faculty of Building**
Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, was host at the Lord Bossom Lecture dinner of the Faculty of Building held last night at the House of Commons. Mr Geoffrey Booth, president, was in the chair and presented the Gordon Tomalin Literary prize to Mr Robert Elliot. Mr Ian Beer, Head Master of Harrow School, delivered the lecture.

**English-Speaking Union**
Mr David Emms, Deputy Chairman of the English-Speaking Union, was the guest of honour at a reception and diner held last night at Dartmouth House for the union's American and Canadian scholars studying in this country. Mr David Hicks, deputy director-general and Mr David Jewell, Headmaster of Haileybury and chairman of the selection committee, welcomed the guests.

**MEC Glasgow and Strathclyde Universities**
The Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, was the guest of honour and speaker at the annual dinner of the Military Education Committee of Glasgow and Strathclyde Universities held last night in Glasgow University. Professor Mervyn Lewis, Military Education Committee Convener, presided. Sir Graham Hills, Principal of Strathclyde University also spoke. Lieutenant-General Sir John MacMillan, General Officer Commanding Scotland, and Professor John Gillespie, Vice-Principal of Glasgow University, were among the guests.

**King's College London Association**
Sir James Spooner, Chairman of the College Council, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of KCLA, held last night in the Great Hall of the College.

**Earl Kitchener of Khartoum**
Earl Kitchener of Khartoum presided at the Annual Dinner of the Kitchener Scholars' Association held last night at the House of Lords. Kitchener Scholars who spoke were Sir John Curle (Diplomatic Service, retired), Mr Robert Rhodes James, MP (Cambridge), Dr Charles Seeley and Miss Catherine Ambler.

**Translators Association**
A dinner was held last night at the Royal Over-Seas League to celebrate the Thirtieth anniversary of the Translators Association of the Society of Authors. The guest speaker, Professor George Steiner, was introduced by Mr Michael Glenny. Mrs Patricia Crampton presided. Among the guests were: Mr Maurice Druon, CBE, President of the Académie Française; Mr George Astley, founder of the Association; Mr Alastair Niven, Literature Director of the Arts Council; and Mr Philippe Guillemin, Cultural Counsellor at the French Embassy.

# OBITUARIES

## LT-COL RICHARD LONSDALE

### Commander of heroic force at Arnhem



Lt-Colonel Richard Lonsdale, DSO and Bar, MC, who died on November 23 at the age of 74, was the commander of a small force which fought an heroic rearguard action at Arnhem that enabled survivors of the Airborne Division to escape across the Rhine. His exploits earned him a second DSO.

Richard Thomas Henry Lonsdale was educated at Eastbourne College. After enlisting as a private he was later offered a place at Sandhurst and in 1936 was commissioned in the Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

He went to Jubbulpore with the Leicesters in 1937 and the following year in an operation in Waziristan won the MC for his successful part in recapturing a picket post.

Lonsdale transferred to the Parachute Regiment in 1942 and took part in the invasion of Sicily, where he was awarded his first DSO when he was second-in-command of the 2nd Battalion. High winds had scattered the invading parachutists, as a result of which Lonsdale and his men landed further forward than had been planned. He remained where he was and with his men fought off successive attacks until the Germans decided to withdraw.

He was best remembered for his part in the ill-fated Operation Market Garden at Arnhem. As reinforcements failed to get through, casualties mounted among the remnants of the force attempting to hold out. Lonsdale was detailed to assemble a small group to be deployed on the outskirts of the village of Oosterbeek, near a church about a hundred yards from the river.

It was made up of a cosmopolitan collection of men who had become separated from their own units in the confusion of the battle. Its object was to secure a perimeter through which survivors of the Airborne Division could be evacuated across the river.

The group became known as "Lonsdale's Force" and for several days fought off determined German attacks on what became the last foothold across the bridge. When Lonsdale's Force eventually withdrew, Dickie Lonsdale himself was the last man to leave, swimming across the river with difficulty because of the wounds he had himself sustained.

Plans to commemorate the deeds of Lonsdale's Force with a memorial window in Oosterbeek church have been discussed but have not yet materialised.

Lonsdale went on to command the amalgamated 3rd and 11th Paras and also served in Palestine. He left the Parachute Regiment in 1946 and after a spell with the King's African Rifles in Uganda he went into the wine trade and spent several years in Africa.

On his return to Britain he settled for a time in the Isle of Man but later moved to Bath.

He is survived by his second wife, Mary, and two sons and a daughter of his first marriage.

## WIELAND HERZFELDE

### Communism through literature

Wieland Herzfelde, staunch communist, publisher of Brecht and Grosz among others and brother of John Heartfield, died in East Berlin on Wednesday at the age of 93.

He was born in Weggis, Switzerland, on April 11, 1896, but grew up mainly in Austria and Germany. His father was a socialist poet, who wrote under the name Franz Held. In 1917 he founded the Berlin publishing house Malik Verlag, which soon established a reputataion for promoting left-wing literature.

Herzfelde printed many books by the Dadaists, some of which were designed by his brother John Heartfield, then known under his correct name of Helmut Herzfelde. John Heartfield, with the artist George Grosz had designed a type of photomontage and this was used extensively in the popular editions of the Malik Verlag.

Wieland Herzfelde was specialising in anti-war literature and the works of young Soviet writers, including Ehrenburg and Mayakovsky. He was also the man who introduced Upton Sinclair to Germany.

Malik Verlag, by now world renowned, was banned by the Nazis in 1933. Herzfelde, a member of the German Communist Party since 1918, left the country swiftly and tried to reestablish his publishing house in Prague. In the Czech capital he also started a magazine, *Neue Deutsche Blätter*, which became a focal point for other German writers and intellectuals in exile.

Herzfelde's rallying cry was "He who writes takes action". It was a time, he declared, when there could be no neutrality, least of all for the author.

In 1939, as Hitler's Third Reich became more and more threatening, Herzfelde decided to flee to New York. In due course he was publishing again: he never lacked zeal and committment. Brecht, Döblin and Feuchtwanger were among the authors of hi new Aurora Press.

But Herzfelde's own dawn remained communism. In 1949 he returned to East Germany, as it had now become. Herzfelde continued to publish under yet another imprint, with Brecht prominent as ever. He was also a professor of literature at Leipzig University.

In 1950 he had been joined in East Germany by his elder brother, who had spent the war years in Britain, and they remained together there, elder statesmen of communist culture, until John Heartfield's death in 1968.

## SIR CLEM PLEASS

### Administrator in a changing Eastern Nigeria

Sir Clem Pleass, who was Lieutenant Governor and then Governor of Eastern Nigeria from 1952 to 1956, has died shortly before his 87th birthday.

Pleass was one of those British colonial servants who devoted themselves with single-minded zeal to one particular part of Britain's widespread territorial responsibilities.

For Pleass it was Eastern Nigeria, where he was posted on entering the Colonial Administrative Service in 1924. Apart from five years in the Secretariat at Lagos, all of his 32 years' service was in the Eastern Region, which then included part of the Southern Cameroons.

Eastern Nigeria was then at a very early stage of the rapid advance that brought the whole of Nigeria to independence in 1960. It had had little contact with the Western world. Its people, particularly the Ibo, were vigorous and independent-minded.

Maintaining law and order, the administration of justice, and the progressive introduction of a local administration, demanded much strenuous touring by district officers and considerable power of persuasion.

Clem (as he was universally known) brought to these tasks an enquiring and receptive mind, and a capacity for hard work, which gave him success as a "bush" district officer.

His success as a senior district officer brought him to Secretariat duties, first in Enugu as Secretary of the Eastern Provinces, and then to Lagos as Development Secretary, with countrywide responsibility.

From Lagos in 1952 he was appointed Lieutenant Governor of the Eastern Region, thus fulfilling his ambition, and two years later, in consequence of further constitutional advance, he became Governor.

He had always been a loyal believer in the official doctrine of indirect rule through native authorities, leading on to full self-government and then to independence; but some of the very qualities that previously brought him success were seen by local politicians and particularly by Dr Azikiwe, the charismatic Ibo premier, as opposition.

This conflict with Nigerian Ministers dimmed his accomplishments and the satisfaction he might otherwise have had in his final appointment. But today Sir Clem's qualities and the service that he gave are well appreciated by official Nigeria.

## Tomorrow's royal engagement

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Vice-Patron of The Queen's Club, will attend the Lawn Tennis Association's Prudential National Championships at 1.40.

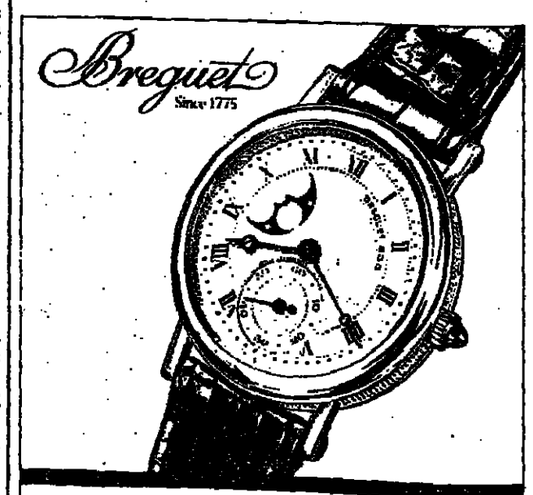
The Duke of Kent, as Colonel of The Scots Guards, will attend a service in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, at 11.00 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first Guards Chapel.

## St Godric's College

St Godric's College Old Students' Reunion will be held on Saturday, December 3, at 22 Lyndhurst Road, London, NW3, at 5.30pm. All former students are invited to attend.

## New master

Professor Robert Aubrey Hinde, FRS, is to succeed Professor Harry Hinsley as Master of St John's College, Cambridge. Professor Hinde, a fellow of the college and Royal Society research professor, has been pre-elected to the mastership to take office on July 31, 1989.


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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

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St Luke 12:37

## BIRTHS

**DALLANTINE DYKES** - On November 27th, 1987 (last year), to Fiona (née Brookfield) and Hugh, a daughter Lucy Mary.

**BIGGS** - on November 23rd, 1988 at Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport to Janet (née Wild) and Eric, a daughter Claire Joanne, a sister for Michael

**COOKE** - On November 22nd to Leonie (nee Lawson) and Christopher, a son, Charles Seton Gurney.

**DALGADO-MOROSETT** - On November 8th, 1988, to Janet and Charles at Clinica Meritxell, Andorra, a son, Jamie Charles

**HARWOOD** - on November 24th, 1988 at St George's Hospital to Anna (née Bacon) and Jeremy, their first, a son.

**HOWES** - On November 14th, 1988 at Wycombe General Hospital, to Hilary (née Price) and Stephen, a son, Michael Robert, a brother for Jane and Christopher.

**HYATT** - On November 17th, to Chris and Stella, a daughter, Alexandra Charlotte Victoria, a sister for James and Sophie

**LEARZY** - On November 25th, in Inverness, to Silla (nee Karlsson) and Charles, a son (Tomas)

**MENDELSSOHN** - On November 22nd, 1988 to Jane and James, twins, Tim and Kate.

**MYRTLE** - On November 23rd, in Louisiana, U.S.A., to Georgina (née Brooks) and Peter, a son, Frederick Giles Christopher, a brother for Victoria

**PELLY** - On November 8th to Clare (nee Dovel and Richard, a son, Harry Philip.

**PULHAM** - On November 12th 1988, to Mary and Ken, a son, Timothy Edward, a brother for Emily Charlotte.

**WARD** - On November 21st, at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to Alice (nee Eccles) and Robert, a daughter, a sister for Samuel and James.

**WATTS** - On November 19th, 1988 to Sian (nee Morgan) and Jeffrey, a son, Oliver Thomas.

## RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

**CLARKE** - John and Eileen, all our love Mum and Dad on your Ruby Wedding Anniversary tomorrow. Have a wonderful day. Bill, Jim, Pat, Margie and families.

## DEATHS

**ARMITAGE** - On November 23rd, Dorothy May, peacefully at home, Widow of David. Requiem Mass St Etheldreda's Church, Ely Place, London, EC1, on Tuesday November 29th at 11 am. Burial Rodmersham, Kent, 3.pm.

**BRIGGS** - On November 22nd, after a short illness, Bernard John, beloved husband of Iris, and loving father of Judith, Rosemary and Henry and proud grandfather. Private funeral service, no flowers please, donations in lieu to the British Heart Foundation. Thanksgiving service to be held at St Andrews Church, Holt, Norfolk, on Thursday December 1st at 2.30 pm to which all are welcome.

**CARTER** - On November 24th 1988 peacefully at Fowey Hospital, Rose aged 61 years of 28 Tower Park, Fowey, Cornwall. Manager Director of South Coast UK Ltd, beloved husband of Bridget and father of Edward and Sarah. Family flowers only but donations to be shared equally for Fowey Hospital Welfare Committee and Fowey RNLI, c/o Barclays Bank, Trafalgar Square, Fowey, Cornwall. All enquiries please ring Ken Newcombe Funeral Directors 0726 78669.

**COOPER** - On November 24th, 1988 in hospital, Edward Howard aged 72 years of Coleford, Gloucestershire (formerly of Croydon). Dear brother of Meriel. Funeral service and cremation at Gloucester Crematorium on Wednesday 30th November at 11.30 am. Flowers may be sent to David Stockwell & Co. Funeral Directors, 16 Glendower Street, Monmouth, Gwent by 10 am.

**CURRIE** - On November 26th, 1988 peacefully at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, Nancy Aitken, R.I.P., Airidh Bheithe, Braes, Ullapool. Beloved mother of Eve and Kate, and grandmother of Rod, Justin and Damon. Funeral Mass on Tuesday, November 29th at 11 am in St. Martin's R.C. Church, Ullapool, thereafter to Morefield cemetery. All friends respectfully invited. Enquiries to John Fraser & Son, Funeral Directors, Chapel St., Inverness.

**EDWARDS** - On November 23rd 1988, at Newquay Hospital, Leslie Frank of 6 Custory Road, Cranlock, Cornwall, beloved husband of the late Phyllis Maud. Funeral service at Cranlock Parish Church on Tuesday November 29th at 3 pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Insurance Charities may be sent c/o, Barclays Bank Newquay, Cornwall.

**FREEMAN** - On November 24th 1988, peacefully at his home in Honiton, Devon, Gerald Clifford, aged 74 years. Late of W. Freeman and Son, Albemarle Street, London W1. Beloved husband of Dorothy, father of Cecily and grandfather of Theresa and Nichola. Funeral service at Exeter and Devon Crematorium on Tuesday, 29th November at 1.50 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Friends of Honiton Hospital, c/o E.A. Dodd and Son, Newland, Honiton, Devon.

**FRIENDLANDER** - On November 22nd, at home, after a short illness, Margaret (Penny), most loved wife of Peter and mother of Tim, of Holt, Norfolk, formerly of Barnes, London. Funeral private.

**McEWEAN** - On November 24th in Florida, aged 32 years, Elspeth, beloved daughter of David Thompson. Funeral private.

**NAYLOR** - On November 24th, 1988 peacefully in hospital, Edith Blanche, aged 80 years, of Highcliffe, Dorset. Beloved wife of Colin. Cremation at Bournemouth Crematorium on Thursday, December 1st at 12.30 pm. Donations if desired for The Cancer Research Campaign, c/o Moodys F/D, 405 Lymington Rd, Highcliffe, Dorset.

**PEACOCK** - On November 24th 1988, Kay, the much loved wife of Nigel (Headmaster of Penrhos College, Colwyn Bay) and mother of Gillian and Roger. A private service will take place at St. Peter's Church, Llanbedr-y-Cennin, Conway. A Memorial Service will be held at Penrhos College in the New Year. Donations in Mrs. Peacock's memory may be sent for the Working Boys Centre, Quito, Ecuador.

**POOLEY** - On November 19th 1988, Geoffrey William, in Harare, Zimbabwe, after a long and painful illness borne with great courage and fortitude. Much loved husband of Stella and family

**RASMUSSEN** - On November 24th, in Hospital in Copenhagen surrounded by her family, Betty (née Fresson) daughter of the late Captain Edward Fresson O.B.E. of Inverness, and wife of Paul.

**SMITH** - On November 24th 1988 after a long illness, Kathleen aged 90 late of Pinner, in Armadale Western Australia.

**WELCH** - On November 24th, 1988 in hospital, A John E aged 73 years. Husband of Brenda and father of Elizabeth, Michael and Joan. Late of Streatham, London. "With Christ".

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

**CURRIE** - A Memorial Service for Neil A.R.C. Currie will be held on Monday, November 28th, at 3 pm in Fettes College Chapel, Edinburgh. All friends are cordially invited to attend.

## IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO. 006494 OF 1988
IN THE MATTER OF
RUTLAND TRUST PLC
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 8th November 1988 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Hoffmann at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Monday the 5th day of December 1988.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 26th day of November 1988
TARRY GARRETT
180 Fleet Street
London EC4A 2NT
Solicitors for the above named Company

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ALLISON Thomas Edward of Ground Floor Flat, 37 Beaconsfield Road, Tottenham, London N15 died on 27th August 1988. Particulars to Easton Rinch & Bailey, Solicitors of 3 Bolt Court, Fleet Street, London EC4A 3DX, before 27th January 1989.

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## WORD-WATCHING

*Answers from page 16*

QANAT
(a) An underground tunnel for carrying irrigation water, from the Arabic *qanat* a pipe: "As with birds before an island, the qanat wells warned you of the approach of a town."
GANGUE
(c) The rock or earthy matter in a mineral deposit, the matrix in which an ore is found, from the *German gang* a vein or lode of metal: "The gangue is a white quartz."
SHABRACK
(b) A trooper's saddle-cloth or housing used by European cavalry, probably from the Turkish *çaprag*: "Sheepskin shabracks, black for the officers, and white for the men."
CYMAR
(a) A robe or loose, light garment for women, especially an undergarment, a chemise, from the Old French *chemarre*, Spanish *zamarra* a sheepskin: "Whilst young Emilia laid her vests aside,/And in her flowered cymar disrobed complete."

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# Service dinners

**Midland Naval Officers' Association**
Rear-Admiral J.P. Edwards, *President of the Midland Naval Officers' Association*, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Council House, Birmingham. The Right Rev Vernon Nicholls also spoke. Among those present were:

*The Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, Judge Wales, QC, Major-General H Y Lar Beverley, Captain J R McCleary, Captain M C Gordon-Lennox and Captain C Fetherston-Duke.*

**Cormorant Club**
Captain C.C. Morgan, Chairman of the Cormorant Club, presided at a reunion dinner held last night at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin also spoke.

**Royal Marines Association**
Lieutenant-General Sir Stewart Pringle, President of the City of London branch of the Royal Marines Association, presented an illuminated address to Mr J.G. Ellard, in recognition of his services to the branch, at a dinner held last night at the Headquarters of the Royal Marines Reserve, Bermondsey. Among others present were:

*Lady Pringle, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mr T C Farmer, Major D Martin, RM, Mr and Mrs Martin, the Rev Basil Watson and Captain and Mrs R Whitehouse.*

**1 Commando Royal Marines**
Colonel I.M.H. Moore was the principal guest at the fortieth annual dinner of the 41 Commando Royal Marines Officers' Dinner Club held last night at Commando Training Centre of the Royal Marines, Lympstone.

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Lieutenant-General Sir Jeremy Reilly, Colonel of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, attended a dinner given by the Fusiliers Association, London Area, last night at Fusilier House, Balham. Major-General B.C. Webster presided

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Major-General C.T. Shortis, Colonel of The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, presided at a dinner given last night by the Officers Association at Wyvern Mess, Bulford.

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Squadron Leader A.J.E. Trotman presided at a dining-in night held last night at RAF St Athan. Air Commodore R.D. French, Station Commander, attended.

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Wing Commander D.A. Bridgeman and Officers of No 1 Maritime Headquarters Unit Royal Auxiliary Air Force, Northwood, held a ladies guest night at RAF Bentley Priory last night. Squadron Leader E.F. Batley presided and the principal guest was Squadron Leader Peggy Paris.

# Church services tomorrow

## Advent Sunday

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M. Rev P F Johnson; 11 S Euch, Rideout in D, Adam lay y-bounden (Sol); Rev Dr C A Lewis, 3.15 Advent Carol Service, 6.30 ES. Rev C F Pollard

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10.15 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Lassus), Canon R Mayland, 11.30 M, Moore in D, Responses (Aylward); 3.15 Evening Prayer, Nunc, 4 L, 6.30 Advent Procession.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Responses (Smith) 10.30 M Stanford in B flat, Sumsion in B flat, Vcr) Rev E Evans, 11.30 HC, Mass for five voices (Byrd), Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons), 3.15 L, The Service of Twelve Notes (Pinkus), People of Zion (Jackson), Pr Rev K Wolcombe, 6.30 Advent Carol Service.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC, 10 M, Benedictus in A (Mathias), Hosanna to the Son (Weelkes), The Dean; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Mass in four parts (Byrd), Rev C Sergent; 3 E, Responses (Langdon), Gran in F minor, Veni Sancte Spiritus (Naylor), Mr J Allison.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Blanchard in A flat, A spotless Rose (Howells), The Advent Prose (Plainsong), Canon I Smith-Cameron; 3 E, The Short Service (Gibbons), O clap your hands (Greene), Canon P Price

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 10 HC, Mass with (Plainsong), 12 S 5.30, 7 SM, 3.30 V & B, Ave timeas Maria (Victoria).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark, 8, 10, 12.15, 6 LM; 11 HM, Missa in St George (Howells), Awake Ly Lord and Hasten (Sandys) Veni Domine (Silvestri), Canon B P Pannell.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 S Euch, Mass in five parts (Byrd), Canon J D Treadgold.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, HC 12.15 M, Stanford in B flat, Deo Ingie (Mozart), The Chaplain; 12.30 HC.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 9.30 HC; 11 M & Sermon, Glory now to God (Bach), Mass Responsory (Palestrina), The Chaplain.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, 12 HC, 250th Anniversary of the Guards Chapel, The Irish Guards, The Archbishop of Canterbury.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL, 11.30 MP, Benedictus qui venit (Future), Rev F V A Jones

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9.15 HC; 11 M,

# SHOPPING

# Writers' wishing well

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## Nicole Swengley asks a selection of our Review section contributors what they would like to be given for Christmas this year – by generous friends

**Jonathan Meades**
restaurant critic:
*"A dozen cases of 1980 Côte Rôtie Etienne Guigal, and a Bristol 401."*
1980 Côte Rôtie "Brune et Blonde" E. Guigal, £134.52 a case (mail order) from Adnams, The Crown, High Street, Southwold, Suffolk. Old Bristols are often in stock at Bristol Cars' showroom at 366-370 Kensington High Street, London W14 (01-603 5554), costing from £4,000.

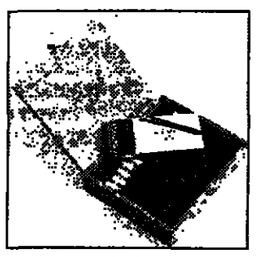
**Francesca Greenoak**
gardening correspondent:
*"A small orchard but, failing that, I'll settle for a fan-trained fruit cherry for a south wall and Coe's Golden Drop plum tree. There's also a book I would like called* The English Flavour *by Patricia Heggerty with photographs by Crispin Morton-Jones (Equation, £16.95)."*

**Philip Howard**
literary editor:
*"A size 16 butterfly collar to wear with my dinner jacket, a pair of bright red socks and the latest Amstrad computer."*
Amstrad PC 2086 HD14HRCD, single drive with 30MB hard disk and 14in high resolution colour display, costs £1,349 plus VAT from Dixons and other high street outlets.

**Hilary Finch**
music critic:
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**Nigel Andrew**
"Out and About" correspondent:
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**Raymond Keene**
chess correspondent:
*"A copy of* Alice Through The Looking Glass, *preferably signed by the author, because the story ends up on a chessboard; a picture by the Cubist artist, Marcel Duchamp, who painted a lot of chess players, and a box of Davidoff Cuban cigars."*
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**David Sinclair**
rock critic:
*"A pair of black Levi 501s and some blue suede shoes, a car phone, a wooden garden shed and a box of noisy fireworks."*
Black Levi 501s, £36 from Way In at Harrods and nationwide branches of Jean Jeanie.

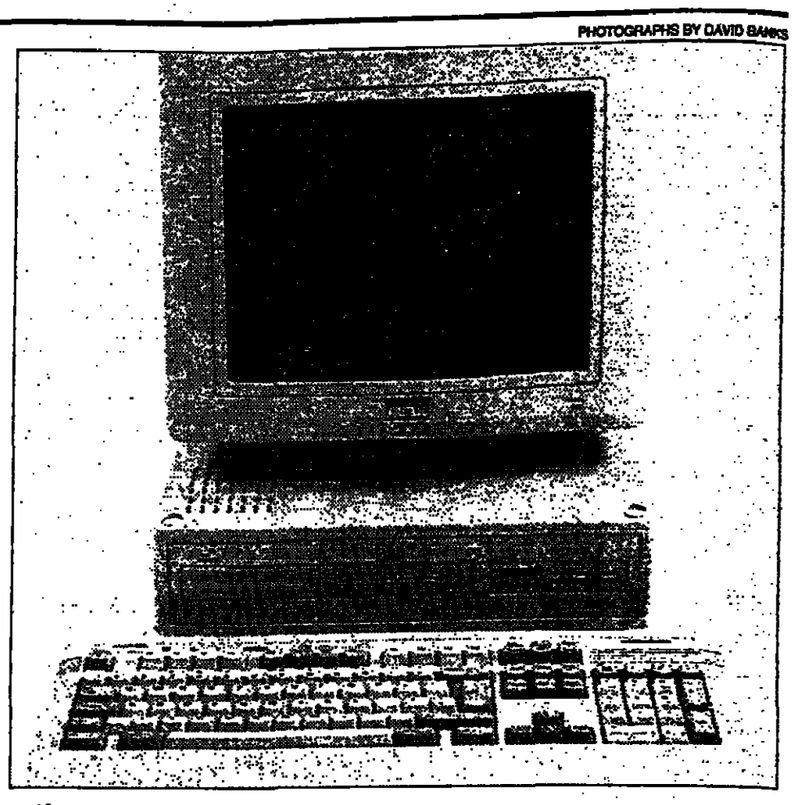
**Jeremy Flint**
bridge correspondent:
*"A vacuum wine cooler and a cast iron plate grill which cooks chops to perfection."*
Vacuum wine coolers cost £15.42; circular Le Creuset black cast iron meat grills, 9in diameter, cost £13.95; both from kitchen specialists Divertimenti, 139 Fulham Road, London SW3 (01-581 8065).

**Shona Crawford Poole**
travel editor:
*"An espalier-trained Egremont Russet apple tree and about 150 yards of miniature box hedging."*
£16.50 each and £38 per yard, from Clifton Nurseries, Clifton Villas, London W9 (01-289 6851).

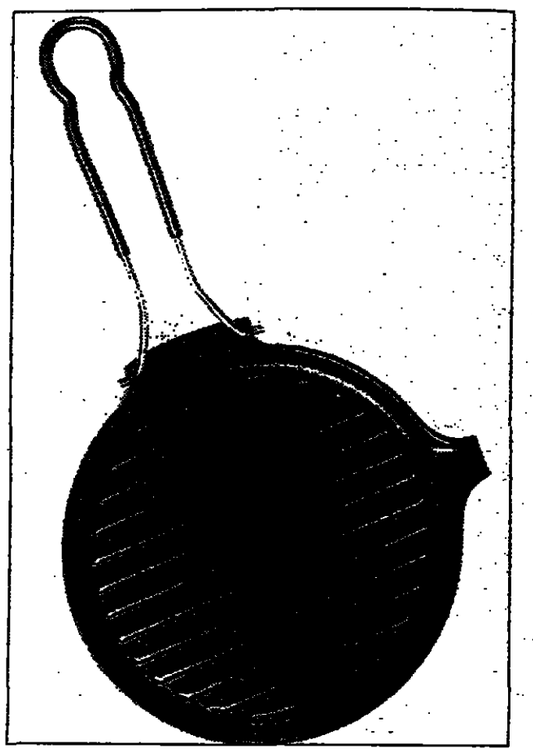
**Frances Bissell**
the *Times* cook:
*"A John Lewis of Hungerford kitchen, a bottle of 1967 Château Yquem served on a Concorde flight and a set of Henckels' kitchen knives."*
"Edwardian" range of kitchens by John Lewis of Hungerford can be seen and ordered at his shop in the High Street, Hungerford, Berkshire (0488 82066) and at Liberty, Regent Street, London W1 (01-734 1234).
Henckels kitchen knives cost from £3.11, at David Mellor, 26 James Street, London WC2 (for mail order details: 01-379 6947).

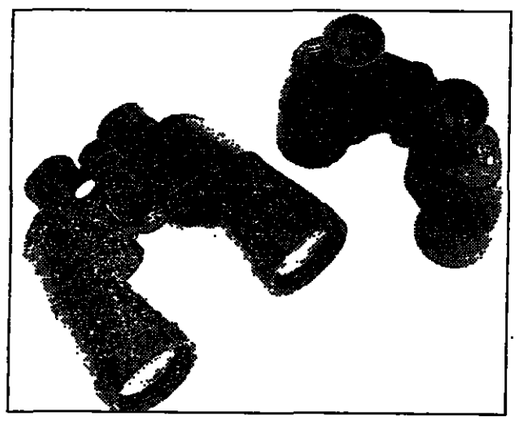
**Jane MacQuitty**
wine correspondent:
*"A Screwpull Lever Model corkscrew; a set of Baccarat Perfection wine glasses; some Chanel No 5 and a bottle of Jicky by Guerlain."*
Screwpull Lever Model corkscrews cost £79.95 from Harrods and good wine shops. Chanel No 5, £33 for 7.5ml of the perfume, and Jicky at £34 for 7.5mL. Baccarat glasses from Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, London SW1 (01-235 5000).

**Richard Williams**
jazz critic:
*"A replay of Celia Cruz's recent concert at Hammersmith Palais. A week in the Highland Motel, Hollywood, reading a first edition of Dorothy B. Hughes's* In a Lonely Place. *And a black-topped Gibson jumbo guitar with double scratch-plates, just like the ones the Everly Brothers played on the* Perry Como Show *in 1959."*
Bell, Book & Radmell of 4 Cecil Court, London WC2 (01-240 2161) estimate that the Dorothy Hughes's first edition would cost about £15; a Gibson J180 (the nearest to the original Gibson Everly) costs about £1,200; similar vintage guitars from Andy's Guitar Workshop, 27 Denmark Street, London WC1 (01-836 0899).

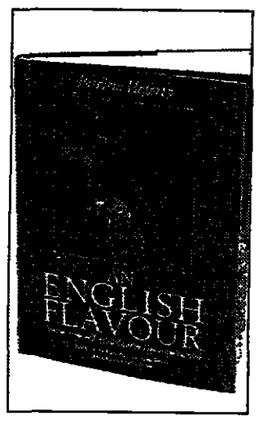


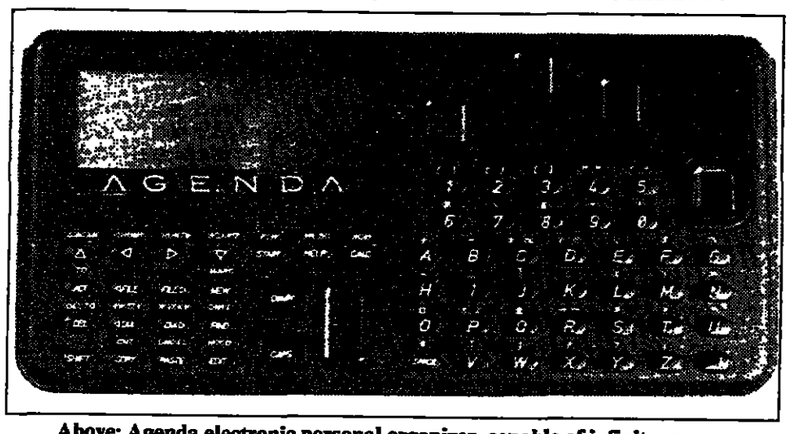
**Above: Amstrad PC2086 HD14HRCD, single drive with 30MB hard disk and 14in colour display screen; £1,349 plus VAT from Dixons and other high street outlets**
**Right: fried and tested circular black cast-iron meat grill, 9in, £13.95, at kitchen specialists and Divertimenti, 139 Fulham Rd, London SW3**



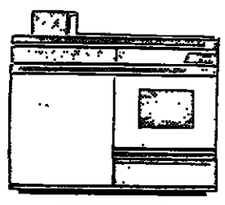


**Above: Slimline Ranger binoculars are available from major photographic shops; £39.99 for the GM3 model (7x35 ZCF) and £119.95 for the Elite pair (10x50 ZCF)**

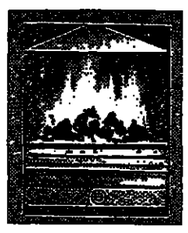


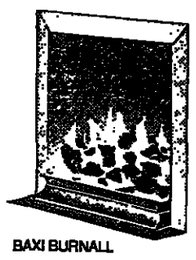




**Above: Agenda electronic personal organizer, capable of infinite cross-reference, with a 32K memory costs £175 from Authentics, 42 Shelton Street, London WC2 (01-240 9845). Left: *The English Flavour* by Patricia Heggerty with photographs by Crispin Morton-Jones, published by Equation at £16.95**

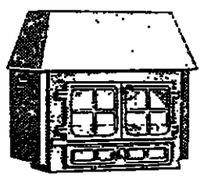


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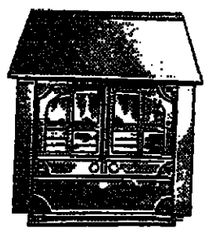

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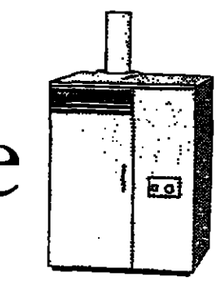

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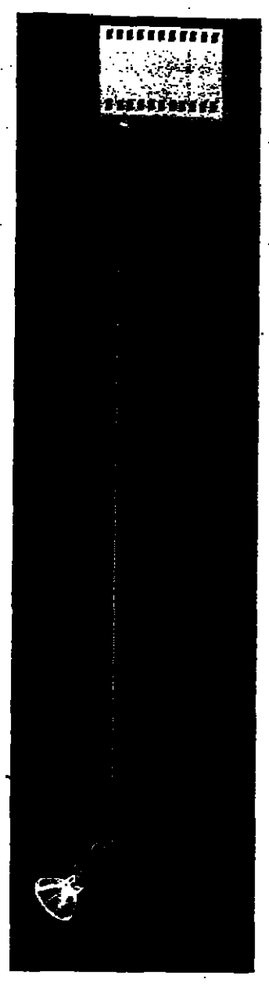
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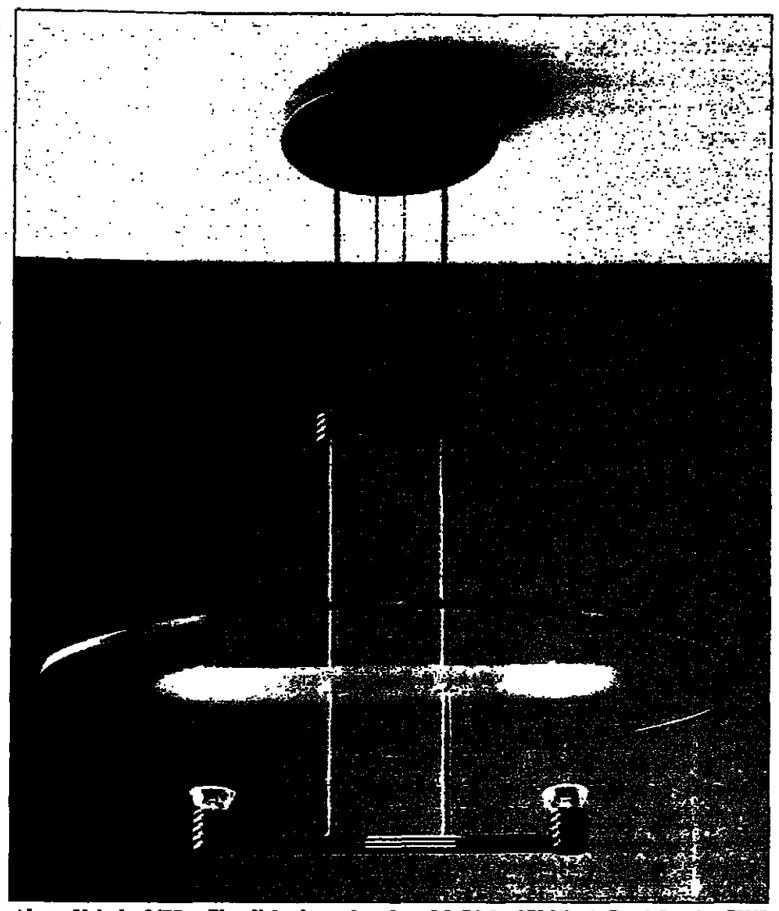
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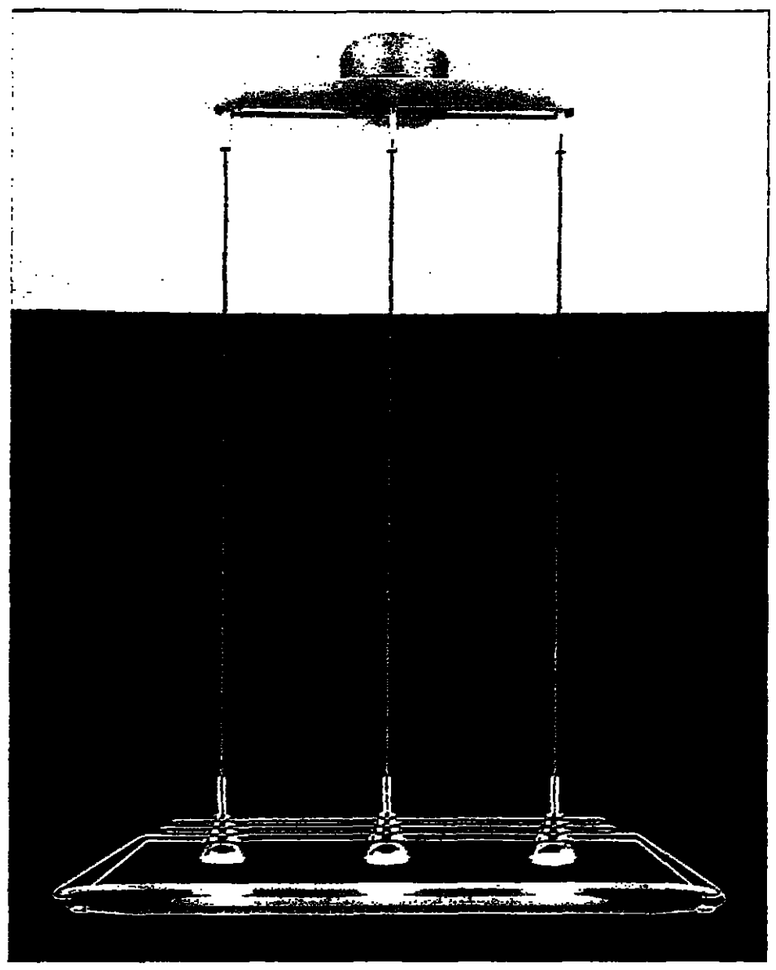
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# Lamp world's new leading lights

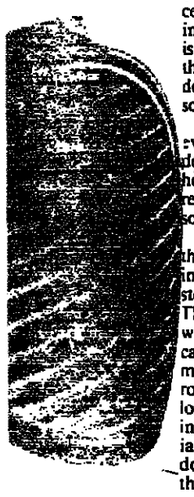
**The latest in hi-tech lighting goes under rum names but, Deyan Sudjic writes, really can transform a home**







**Above: Valeria, £475, ceiling dichroic pendant from Mr Light, 279 King's Road, London SW3 Left: low-voltage Lucy spot, £48.85, from London Lighting, 135 Fulham Road, London SW10 Right: Tria, £395, from Mr Light, incorporates a glass diffuser and has triple dichroic bulbs**



The trouble with lighting is that it is so bound up with jargon as to be barely comprehensible to non-specialists. The briefest trip around a modern lighting shop is likely to leave anyone but a trained physicist reeling from the weight of techno-babble — quartz halogen, high-pressure sodium and metal halide, lux and lumen, up-lighters and down-lighters. The lighting industry can make computer and hi-fi buffs look models of clarity.

The obfuscation goes some way to explaining why the tyranny of the pendant light, dangling forlornly at the end of a twisted fabric flex in the centre of the great British living-room, has lasted so long. It is simpler to go on doing things the way they have always been done than to come up with something more interesting.

As a result, even when everything else is being redecorated and rearranged in a home, the light fittings tend to remain stuck in the two-pin-socket era.

Design priorities should be the opposite; getting the lighting right is the natural first step in tackling an interior. The traditional fabric shade, with its flyblown 60-watt bulb, can be guaranteed to cast the most unflattering light on a room, turning people who look perfectly healthy outside into green-tinged Frankenstinian types, their eyes weighed down with capacious bags, their faces expressionless.

Conical shades cast the corners of a room into gloom and direct a jumbo jet's landing light on a narrow circle in the middle. It is the kind of arrangement that makes casual conversation seem like an interrogation.

Lighting does not have to be this way. It can be used to overcome many of the shortcomings of a room. Buying a new uplighter can be a far simpler and more effective way of transforming an interior than any amount of paint or wallpaper. It can make big bleak rooms look intimate and welcoming. It can make pictures, pieces of furniture or colours look their best.

The important thing for non-specialists seeking to master the jargon is to distinguish between the source of the light, which is where the technological exotica have come in, and the lamp that holds it in place.

The main result of technological change has been to make lamps smaller and brighter. They are more expensive than traditional tungsten bulbs and need to be handled with more care. Grease from a finger can stop them working until they are cleaned. But they are much more powerful and versatile, especially when used with a dimmer, and last much longer.

The most sophisticated of the new lights can not only direct light where it is needed in a room, they can also create atmospheric effects. They can function as pieces of minimal sculpture that look as good when they are switched off.

Lights fall into two basic categories: those that are used for a specific task, to direct a concentrated beam on one particular spot, for tasks such as reading, and those that are used to create background, ambient light.

Of course, many lamps are designed to be used in more than one way. An Anglepoise can be trained on to your book or pushed back to cast its light on to the wall, adding by reflection to the overall illumination of the room.

The miniaturization that has come from dichroic bulbs has allowed lights to become smaller and more adaptable. The glittering rank of adjustable spotlamps mounted on the ceiling has faded as a fashionable look. Instead, some lighting has tended to disappear from view, with tiny high-power spots recessed into the ceiling.

It is not just amateurs who are baffled by the profusion of technological innovations for light sources. Professionals are still struggling to keep up with the pace of change. As a rule, every generation of light fittings seems to be designed with the last generation in mind: many of the early electric lamps used bulbs in the shape of candles.

Now the new miniature fluorescents are inserted into lamps designed for simpler tungsten bulbs. And designers are only just beginning to get to grips with the long, thin quartz halogen lamps.

It is that rate of change that makes lighting, once the technology is under control, so interesting. Much of the best design work now is not in furniture but in lighting.

It is perfectly true that an awful lot of what is on offer in the shops takes the form of Edwardian revivalism; fittings that look like something originally envisaged for a gas mantle. But there are new lights which are not just technically ingenious and aesthetically inventive, but are designed with the quality of light in mind. Some even manage to capture the magic and sparkle of candlelight.





*And Ginger*

# Nurses escalate grading dispute

By Jill Sherman and Nicholas Wood

Nurses at 17 London hospitals are to take strike action on Monday in an escalation of the nurses grading dispute, and thousands of staff are expected to join in demonstrations.

The move came as 31 midwives planned to resign at the North Middlesex Hospital, Edmonton, over what they claim are unfair gradings.

In the House of Commons the political row over the dispute heightened with Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health, accusing the Opposition of teaming up with two nursing unions to provoke industrial action.

The National Union of Public Employees claims that several hospitals in London will face 24-hour strikes on Monday, while at others Nupe nurses will stage stoppages lasting from three to 10 hours.

"We expect hundreds of nurses to take part in strike action which will be their first chance to respond to the breakdown of talks with Acas (the conciliation service) last night," said Mr Chris Humphreys, Nupe London regional officer.

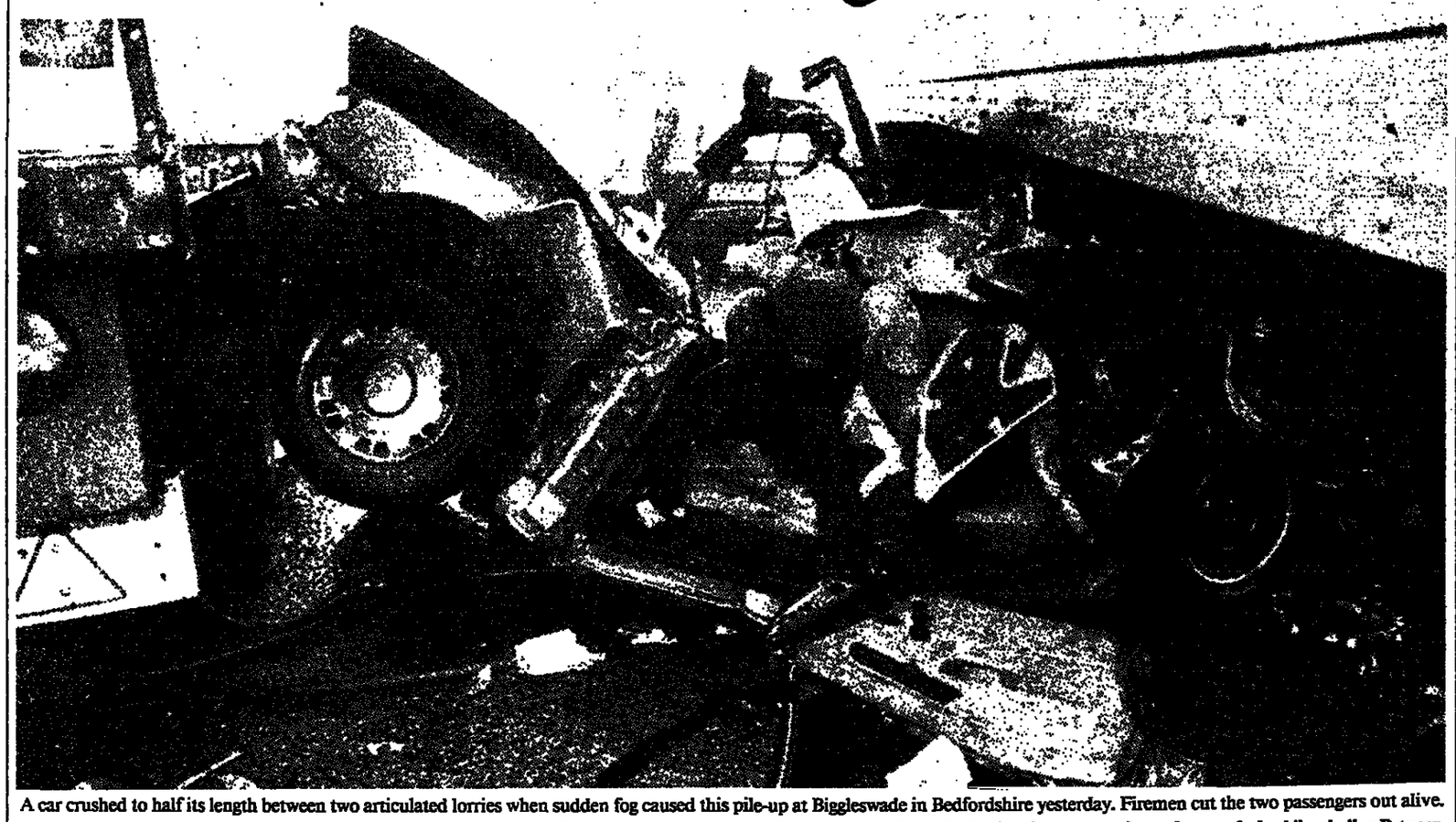
Mr Humphreys said that all staff had been balloted and emergency cover would be provided at all the hospitals concerned. These include St Stephen's Hospital and Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham, St George's and Springfield psychiatric hospital, Wandsworth, the North Middlesex and St Ann's hospitals in Haringey and University College Hospital and the Central Middlesex, Bloomsbury. Midwives and community nurses are also taking strike action in Tower Hamlets, East London.

Meanwhile, nine nurses were suspended at a hospital for the mentally handicapped at Frenchay health authority in Bristol after they turned up for night duty but refused to work on the ward without supervision.

In Wales, some nurses at the psychiatric unit at Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, have had to work more than 17 hours a day to cover for nurses working to grade at three psychiatric hospitals.

The hospitals have now cancelled all non-emergency admissions.

# Drivers criticized as fog blankets roads



A car crushed to half its length between two articulated lorries when sudden fog caused this pile-up at Biggleswade in Bedfordshire yesterday. Firemen cut the two passengers out alive.

By Harvey Elliott and Mark Ellis

**Fog suddenly blanketed Britain yesterday, leading to death on the roads and diversions at the airports.**

**One person died and more than 20 were injured, some seriously, as freezing fog brought a spate of multiple crashes to the A1, M1 and M6.**

**And thousands of airline passengers found themselves diverted yesterday when the fog blacked out Heathrow, Luton, Stansted and Birmingham airports.**

**Police and motoring organisations criticised motorists for driving too fast as visibility was reduced to 20 yards in places, and the Automobile Association said: "This is one of the worst mornings we can remember."**

**Mr Peter Bottomley, the Under Secretary of State for Transport, said last night: "It's a crying shame that we have to wait for serious crashes in fog this winter to remind motorists of what they already knew last winter."**

**One person died in a 40-vehicle smash that blocked the A1 at the Biggleswade roundabout in Bedfordshire.**

**Also on the A1 at the Brampton roundabout, near Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, one person was very seriously injured and had to be cut from the wreckage and taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. Several other people were also injured after a lorry collided with a van and 30 other vehicles ran into the wreckage.**

**A spokesman for the Lister Hospital in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, said they admitted 19 casualties, some seriously injured, from three accidents on or approaching the A1 and one person was certified dead on arrival.**

**Last night firemen cut a man from wreckage after two lorries and a car crashed on the M11 at Duxford, near Cambridge.**

**Two multiple pile-ups closed the M6 in both directions as crashes within seconds of each other between junctions 3, Bedworth, and 4 at Coleshill, near Birmingham, left a trail of blazing cars, mangled wreckage and 17 people injured.**

**Police closed a 22-mile stretch of the M6 between junctions one to four between Rugby and Coleshill and shut the M1-M6 interchange at junction 19 to ease the ten-mile tailback.**

**Five people suffered minor injuries in a 16 vehicle pile-up on the A604 at Fenstanton.**

**At Heathrow, the fog rolled in so suddenly that many pilots were forced to abandon landings and ran low on fuel while circling. Between 12.00 and 1.00pm seven flights were diverted and take offs were delayed for up to an hour.**

**At Luton and Stansted the fog disrupted services all day with aircraft diverting to either Gatwick or Manchester. Airlines were angry that there had been no warning of the sudden fog.**

**A hot air balloonist and his passenger escaped when they crashed into a power lines carrying 33,000 volts. The men, in their late thirties, climbed from the basket to safety in a field at Benham, near Kintbury, Berks. The balloon had taken off in good conditions.**

# Two die in Soviet ethnic violence

**Moscow (Reuter) — Two people were killed in separate incidents as ethnic violence spread from Azerbaijan to neighbouring Armenia, an official Armenian source said yesterday. An Azerbaijani and an Armenian were killed in the Armenian towns of Goris and Kalinino on Thursday.**

A dusk-to-dawn curfew was clamped on the Armenian capital, Yerevan, yesterday and troops and armoured personnel carriers were stationed on the streets.

But a spokesman for the Armenian news agency, Armenpress, said there had been no incidents in Yerevan.

Curfews were earlier imposed on the Azerbaijani capital, Baku, and the towns of Kirovabad and Nakhichevan after rioting in which three soldiers were killed and 126 people, mostly Azerbaijanis, were injured.

With those three cities still tense, Armenian refugees — caught up in the renewed violence over the disputed Azerbaijani territory of Nagorno-Karabakh — streamed across the border into neighbouring Armenia.

The Armenpress spokesman said about 1,700 Armenian refugees had arrived, many of them helped by Soviet troops.

In the latest incidents the Armenian source said the Armenian died after a group of Azerbaijanis attacked an Armenian family. He had no information about the Azerbaijani's death.

Fresh details were also beginning to emerge about events in Kirovabad, where three soldiers were killed on Tuesday after they were called in to separate Muslim Azerbaijanis from Christian Armenians.

The source said 60 Armenian houses in the town were burnt down by Azerbaijani mobs. Eighty Azerbaijanis were being held in the military garrison and an investigation was being carried out.

He denied reports circulating among Armenian sources in Moscow and emigré groups in Paris that many Armenians had been killed. "No Armenians were killed in Kirovabad", he said. "The Armenian quarter of Kirovabad is safely guarded by troops."

# Jail for terrorist money suppliers

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opportunity of the new legislation to take the necessary powers to choke off the flow of money."

In Northern Ireland only, the Bill seeks to reactivate the unexpired part of a prison sentence where a person is convicted of a terrorist offence. And provision would be made for remission to be reduced from one half to one third on all sentences of five years or more for terrorist offences.

Mr Roy Hattersley, the Shadow Home Secretary, said that detaining thousands of innocent Irish men and women without charge and banishing some of them to Northern Ireland would be regarded as offensive by law abiding Irish citizens.

He said recent Government measures, including the broadcasting ban on interviews with Sinn Fein and curbs on the right to silence, would encourage sympathy for those arguing that violence was the only path open to republicans now civil rights and democracy were denied.

# Raped teacher wins civil damages

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by the eminent psychiatrist, Dr Gerald Silverman, who appeared for the defendant, that the woman had fantasized or imagined her ordeal.

The judge said that if he were directing a jury at a criminal trial on the allegations before him he would have told them it would have been dangerous to convict solely on the word of the plaintiff and to look for independent evidence corroborating her claim.

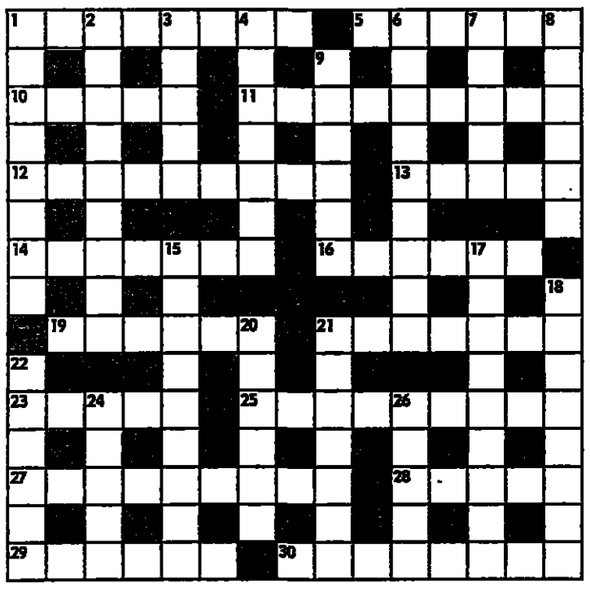
He said there had been no evidence of corroboration in the case but in some cases none was available any way.

Mr Justice Caulfield said: "I am well satisfied the plaintiff was a perfectly normal girl in her youth and a happy young woman after leaving school. There is nothing in the evidence to persuade me to the view there was anything abnormal about the plaintiff."

He said he was not surprised by her initial silence in reporting another sexual indecency at first to police

He said he believed she was "utterly petrified" of her father learning of the allegations and thus her failure to report them for two weeks

## THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,837



ACROSS

1 Old sailor's side of pig in fat (8).
5 Tack the least worn? (6).
10 Tyneside butty for the high country (5).
11 "Tin", a Grand National favourite, is beaten (5-4).
12 American sticks present cuts (9).
13 Comfort for so long, leaving No 10 (5).
14 This Scandinavian spirit has water in opposition to it (7).
16 Becky's family, tone-raising characters (6).
19 Confused brides refuse (6).
21 Score six to open in a forceful way (7).
23 Sound system for identifying sailors' dives (5).
25 Base habit less messy (9).
27 Stick in the saloon — it will make a change (4-5).
28 Some co-operation works (5).
29 One of the miners short-handed, say? (6).
30 Town so poorly equipped produces single entry (3-5).

DOWN

1 Vessel for cooling hands in shanty (8).
2 Transcribe copy of Echo or Mirror (9).
3 Drunk cooked, omitting a starter (5).
4 Drunk after wine, as Ruby is sometimes (4-3).
6 Right about entrance to cutting (9).
7 Short kind of shirt (Gaelic) (5).
8 Hearts — card-game for three (or one in Spain) (6).
9 St Paul's site yields bones (6).
15 All I crave — treatment for these spots (9).
17 He preaches in a knotted purple tie! (9).
18 Place to stop for a beer, say, before going to church (4-4).
20 Make provision for books put aside (6).
21 Old stager Tree, perhaps, in the lead (7).
22 End call with difficulty, say (4,2).
24 Bill crazy about redhead (5).
26 General stall (5).

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## THE POUND

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 2.19 | 2.07 |
| Austria Sch | 23.10 | 21.70 |
| Belgium Fr | 69.00 | 65.50 |
| Canada $ | 2.28 | 2.16 |
| Denmark Kr | 12.61 | 12.01 |
| Finland Mkk | 7.84 | 7.44 |
| France Fr | 11.20 | 10.60 |
| Germany Dm | 3.27 | 3.09 |
| Greece Dr | 285 | 265 |
| Hong Kong $ | 14.85 | 14.10 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.23 | 1.17 |
| Italy Lire | 2445 | 2315 |
| Japan Yen | 237.50 | 221.50 |
| Netherlands Gld | 3.70 | 3.50 |
| Norway Kr | 12.36 | 11.76 |
| Portugal Esc | 273 | 259 |
| South Africa Rd | 4.65 | 4.15 |
| Spain Pta | 214.50 | 203.50 |
| Sweden Kr | 11.51 | 10.91 |
| Switzerland Fr | 2.75 | 2.59 |
| Turkey Lira | 3800 | 3200 |
| USA $ | 1.926 | 1.826 |
| Yugoslavia Dnr | 10700 | 8500 |

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Retail Price Index: 109.5 (October)

London: The *FT* Index closed down 31.1 at 1462.8.

## WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

QANAT
a. A water pipe
b. Desert stinging fly
c. Camel lines

GANGUE
a. French chain-gang
b. A Moroccan language
c. Ore-bearing rock

SHABRACK
a. A trouser press
b. A saddle-cloth
c. An oceanic seaweed

CYMAR
a. A female undergarment
b. A blueish marble
c. A Siberian tarn

*Answers on page 13, column 8*

*The winners of last Saturday's competition are: M Webber, Barnards Farm Causeway, Beer, E Devon; R P H Foster, Cragg Cottage, Grange-Over-Sands, Cumbria; E Brade, Westfaling Street, Hereford; R S C Lawton, Courtfield Gardens, London; T Anderson, Gregson Road, Lancaster.*

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## WEATHER

**The settled but cold spell will continue with frost and fog patches in some districts, especially in Central and South-east England and Northern Ireland. South-west England will be milder. Rather cloudy in most areas, with light showers in the far North of Scotland. Outlook: Generally dry and cold at first, but becoming milder and unsettled from the South West.**

## ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

| | C | F | | | C | F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ajaccio | 13 | 55 | s | Luxor | 24 | 75 | s |
| Akrotiri | 21 | 70 | s | Madrid | 6 | 43 | f |
| Alex'dria | 22 | 72 | f | Majorca | 14 | 57 | f |
| Algiers | 15 | 59 | s | Malaga | 15 | 59 | c |
| Amst'dm | 10 | 50 | c | Malta | 14 | 57 | c |
| Athens | 12 | 54 | c | Melb'rne | 17 | 63 | c |
| Bahrain | 23 | 73 | s | Mexico C* | 20 | 68 | s |
| Barbados* | 29 | 84 | s | Miami* | 21 | 70 | c |
| Barcelna | 10 | 50 | s | Milan | 3 | 37 | s |
| Belgrade | -3 | 27 | c | Montreal* | 0 | 32 | c |
| Berlin | 8 | 46 | d | Moscow | -1 | 30 | sn |
| Bermuda* | 24 | 75 | r | Munich | 1 | 34 | sl |
| Biarritz | 7 | 45 | s | Naples | 10 | 50 | c |
| Bordx | 7 | 45 | s | N Delhi | 24 | 75 | s |
| Brussels | 7 | 45 | c | N York* | 4 | 39 | s |
| Budapst | -3 | 27 | sn | Nice | 12 | 54 | s |
| B Aires* | 29 | 84 | s | Oslo | 1 | 34 | s |
| Cairo | 25 | 77 | s | Paris | 6 | 43 | c |
| Dublin | 5 | 41 | c | Rome | 10 | 50 | s |
| Dubrovnik | 9 | 48 | s | Salzburg | 1 | 34 | sn |
| Faro | 16 | 61 | r | S Fr'isco* | 11 | 52 | f |
| Florence | 11 | 52 | s | Santiago* | 27 | 81 | s |
| Frankfurt | 3 | 37 | c | S Paulo* | 23 | 73 | c |
| Funchal | 19 | 66 | s | Seoul | 0 | 32 | f |
| Geneva | 1 | 34 | c | Sing'por | 31 | 88 | f |
| Gibraltar | 15 | 59 | f | St'kholm | 5 | 41 | f |
| Helsinki | 3 | 37 | sn | Strasb'rg | 3 | 37 | c |
| Hong K | 21 | 70 | s | Sydney | 22 | 72 | s |
| Innsbrck | 0 | 32 | c | Tangier | 15 | 59 | c |
| Istanbul | 5 | 41 | r | Tel aviv | 25 | 77 | s |
| Jeddah | 32 | 90 | s | Tenerife | 22 | 72 | s |
| Jo'burg* | 29 | 84 | f | Tokyo | 11 | 52 | s |
| Karachi | 26 | 79 | f | Toronto* | 5 | 41 | s |
| L Palmas | 22 | 72 | c | Tunis | 11 | 52 | c |
| Le Touet | 6 | 43 | r | Valencia | 11 | 52 | s |
| Lisbon | 13 | 55 | c | Vanc'ver* | 4 | 39 | r |
| Locarno | 3 | 37 | s | Venice | 5 | 41 | s |
| L Angels* | 14 | 57 | f | Vienna | 3 | 37 | r |
| Luxembg | 5 | 41 | c | Warsaw | 5 | 41 | c |

* denotes Thursday's figures are latest available

## HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Guernsey 11C (52F); lowest day max: Manchester 1C (34F); highest rainfall: Aberporth, Wales, 0.24in; highest sunshine: Brighton, East Sussex, 8.0hr.

## MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 6C (42F); min 6 pm to 6 am,0C (32F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

## YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain, s, sun.

| | C | F | | | C | F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belfast | 2 | 36 | fg | Guernsey | 8 | 45 | c |
| B'rmgham | 3 | 37 | fg | Inverness | 7 | 45 | r |
| Blackpool | 5 | 41 | c | Jersey | 9 | 48 | f |
| Bristol | 5 | 41 | c | London | 4 | 39 | fg |
| Cardiff | 6 | 46 | s | M'chester | 5 | 41 | fg |
| Edinburgh | 7 | 45 | c | Newcastle | 7 | 45 | c |
| Glasgow | 7 | 45 | c | R'nldsway | 7 | 45 | c |

## AROUND BRITAIN

| | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scarboro | 5.5 | - | 7 | 45 | sunny |
| Bridlington | 5.4 | - | 8 | 46 | sunny |
| Hunstanton | 3.5 | - | 7 | 45 | bright |
| Cromer | 0.4 | - | 7 | 45 | cloudy |
| Lowestoft | 0.1 | .06 | 7 | 45 | cloudy |
| Clacton | 2.0 | - | 8 | 46 | cloudy |
| Southend | 3.0 | - | 8 | 48 | bright |
| Margate | 3.4 | - | 7 | 45 | sunny |
| Folkestone | 6.7 | - | 8 | 46 | sunny |
| Hastings | 7.0 | - | 9 | 48 | sunny |
| Eastbourne | 7.8 | - | 7 | 45 | sunny |
| Brighton | 8.0 | - | 9 | 48 | sunny |
| Worthing | 7.9 | - | 8 | 46 | sunny |
| Littlehmptn | 7.1 | - | 8 | 48 | sunny |
| Bognor R | 7.9 | - | 8 | 48 | sunny |
| Poole | 4.8 | - | 7 | 45 | sunny |
| Swanage | 5.4 | - | 7 | 45 | sunny |
| Weymouth | 5.3 | - | 7 | 45 | sunny |
| Exmouth | 4.3 | - | 7 | 45 | sunny |
| Teignmouth | 4.7 | - | 7 | 45 | bright |
| Torquay | 2.3 | - | 7 | 45 | bright |
| Falmouth | - | - | 8 | 46 | cloudy |
| Penzance | 3.0 | - | 8 | 48 | bright |
| Scilly Isles | 5.8 | - | 11 | 52 | sunny |
| Newquay | 6.3 | .01 | 8 | 46 | sunny |
| Ilfracombe | * | - | * | * | sunny |
| Minehead | 1.4 | - | 7 | 45 | bright |
| Morecambe | 1.1 | - | 5 | 41 | dull |
| Douglas | 2.1 | - | 9 | 48 | bright |
| Buxton | 0.3 | - | 4 | 39 | bright |
| Carlisle | - | .01 | 4 | 39 | fog |
| Leeds | 2.7 | - | 8 | 46 | bright |
| Nottingham | 3.0 | - | 8 | 46 | bright |
| Anglesey | 6.3 | - | 10 | 50 | sunny |
| Colwyn Bay | 6.6 | - | 9 | 48 | sunny |
| Tenby | 7.3 | - | 7 | 45 | sunny |
| Aberdeen | 3.1 | - | 9 | 48 | bright |
| Aviemore | 0.8 | .02 | 7 | 45 | rain |
| Eskdalemuir | 1.1 | - | 5 | 41 | cloudy |
| Kinloss | 0.2 | .01 | 9 | 48 | shower |
| Lerwick | 0.3 | .01 | 9 | 48 | cloudy |
| Prestwick | 0.5 | .02 | 10 | 50 | shower |
| Stornoway | 0.5 | - | 9 | 48 | cloudy |
| Tiree | 2.3 | .05 | 10 | 50 | shower |
| Wick | - | - | 9 | 48 | cloudy |

These are Thursday's figures

## LONDON

Thursday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am,3C (37F). Humidity: 6 pm, 82 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.9hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1030.8 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

## LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 4.29 pm to 7.08 am
Bristol 4.39 pm to 7.18 am
Edinburgh 4.19 pm to 7.43 am
Manchester 4.28 pm to 7.26 am
Penzance 4.56 pm to 7.24 am

TOMORROW
London 4.28 pm to 7.10 am
Bristol 4.38 pm to 7.19 am
Edinburgh 4.18 pm to 7.45 am
Manchester 4.27 pm to 7.28 am
Penzance 4.55 pm to 7.26 am

## HIGH TIDES

| TODAY | AM | HT | PM | HT | TOMORROW | AM | HT | PM | HT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| London Bridge | 3.05 | 6.9 | 3.25 | 7.1 | London Bridge | 3.45 | 6.8 | 4.09 | 7.0 |
| Aberdeen | 2.34 | 4.2 | 2.44 | 4.2 | Aberdeen | 3.21 | 4.0 | 3.24 | 4.1 |
| Avonmouth | 8.34 | 12.9 | 9.00 | 12.4 | Avonmouth | 9.14 | 12.3 | 9.39 | 11.7 |
| Belfast | 12.01 | 3.4 | 12.21 | 3.6 | Belfast | 12.49 | 3.2 | 1.09 | 3.6 |
| Cardiff | 8.19 | 11.8 | 8.45 | 11.5 | Cardiff | 8.59 | 11.4 | 9.24 | 10.8 |
| Devonport | 7.12 | 5.5 | 7.38 | 5.2 | Devonport | 7.48 | 5.3 | 8.14 | 4.9 |
| Dover | 12.10 | 6.6 | 12.22 | 6.5 | Dover | 12.49 | 6.5 | 1.03 | 6.3 |
| Falmouth | 6.42 | 5.3 | 7.08 | 5.0 | Falmouth | 7.18 | 5.1 | 7.44 | 4.7 |
| Glasgow | 2.04 | 4.8 | 1.58 | 5.1 | Glasgow | 2.47 | 4.7 | 2.37 | 5.1 |
| Harwich | 12.56 | 3.9 | 1.20 | 4.0 | Harwich | 1.38 | 3.8 | 2.02 | 3.9 |
| Holyhead | 11.40 | 5.5 | - | - | Holyhead | 12.06 | 5.2 | 12.24 | 5.4 |
| Hull | 7.41 | 7.2 | 7.55 | 7.1 | Hull | 8.27 | 6.8 | 8.34 | 6.8 |
| Ilfracombe | 7.14 | 9.0 | 7.41 | 8.7 | Ilfracombe | 7.55 | 8.7 | 8.22 | 8.3 |
| Leith | 3.49 | 5.5 | 4.14 | 5.4 | Leith | 5.38 | 5.3 | 5.00 | 5.2 |

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.280ft. Times are BST

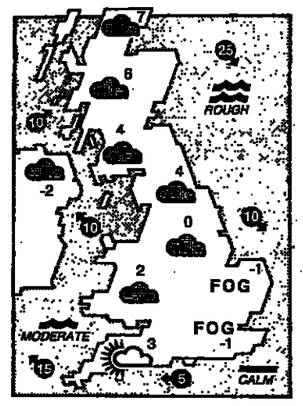
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 7.37 am | 3.59 pm | | 7.38 am | 3.58 pm |
| | Moon sets: | Moon rises: | | Moon sets: | Moon rises: |
| | 11.04 am | 6.01 pm | | 11.40 am | 7.17 pm |
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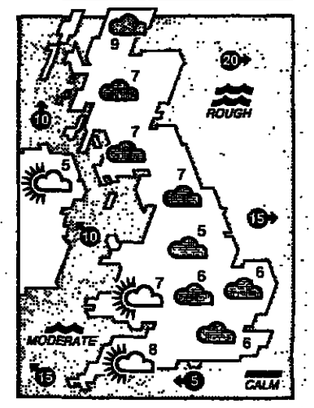
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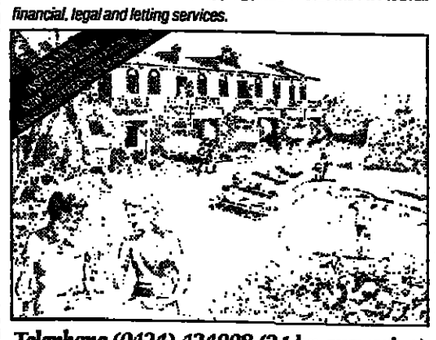
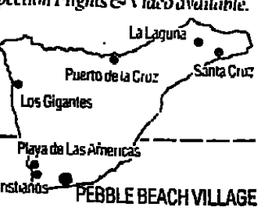
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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

**THE POUND**

**US dollar**
1.8445 (+0.0085)

**W German mark**
3.1642 (+0.0173)

**Trade-weighted**
77.6 (+0.4)

**STOCKMARKETS**

**FT 30 Share**
1462.6 (–31.1)

**FT-SE 100**
1794.7 (–38.3)

**Bargains**
32373

**USM (Datastream)**
n/a

## 'Lower bid limit worth examining'

A proposal to lower the company takeover bid threshold to 15 per cent from 30 per cent is worth careful examination, Lord Alexander, chairman of the Takeover Panel, said.

But other ideas put forward by the Confederation of British Industry to slow down and clarify the takeover process seem more likely to protect defending managements than benefit shareholders, he said.

Lord Alexander, speaking at a conference in Birmingham, was giving his first reaction to a six-point CBI plan announced at its annual conference earlier this month.

### STOCK MARKETS

**New York**
Dow Jones ..... 2071.63 (–20.45)*
**Tokyo**
Nikkei Average . 29406.65 (+66.52)
**Hong Kong:**
Hang Seng ..... 2656.08 (–9.94)
**Amsterdam:** Gen ..... 272.9 (+2.2)
**Sydney:** AO ..... 1506.0 (+7.4)
**Frankfurt:**
Commerzbank ..... 1588.4 (–6.2)
**Brussels:**
General ..... 5368.7 (–4.3)
**Paris:** CAC ..... 393.5 (+0.4)
**Zurich:** SKA Gen ..... n/a
**London:**
FT–A All-Share ..... n/a
FT–"500" ..... n/a
FT. Gold Mines ..... 175.7 (+2.4)
FT. Fixed Interest ..... 96.97 (–0.03)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 87.49 (–0.52)

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### MAIN PRICE CHANGES

**RISES:**
Wade Potteries ..... 173p (+18p)
Pochins ..... 960p (+15p)
Mersy Docks ..... 489½p (+22p)
GF Lovell ..... 192½p (+10p)

**FALLS:**
ICI ..... 987½p (–18¼p)
Cadbury ..... 342½p (–13p)
Persimmon ..... 146½p (–16p)
Berkeley Group ..... 249p (–25p)
Anglia Sec ..... 382½p (–18p)
Abbey ..... 200p (–15p)
Bass ..... 779½p (–20p)
Whitbread 'B' ..... 750p (–20p)
Taylor Woodrow ..... 595½p (–15p)
Sun Alliance ..... 968p (–19½p)
Lloyds ..... 322p (–9p)
Blue Circle ..... 427½p (–13p)
Costain ..... 312p (–12p)
J Mowlem ..... 362p (–15p)
Bellway ..... 215½p (–15p)
Nat West ..... 537½p (–10p)
**4pm prices**
SEAQ Volume ..... 743.1m

### INTEREST RATES

**London:** Bank Base: 13%
3-month interbank 13-12¾%
3-month eligible bills: 11²³/₃₂–11⅝%
*buying rate*
**US:** Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8⅜%*
3-month Treasury Bills 8.06-8.04%*
30-year bonds 98¹³/₃₂-98¹⁷/₃₂*

### CURRENCIES

| London: | New York: |
|---|---|
| £: $1.8445 | £: $1.8447* |
| £: DM3.1642 | $: DM1.7157* |
| £: SwFr2.6515 | $: SwFr1.4365* |
| £: FFr10.8134 | $: FFr5.8647* |
| £: Yen223.76 | $: Yen121.07* |
| £: Index:77.6 | $: Index:92.0 |
| ECU £0.655838 | SDR £0.748483 |

### GOLD

**London Fixing:**
AM $422.60 pm-$424.10
close $424.00-424.50 (£230.00-230.50)
**New York:**
Comex $Closed

### NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan) ..... pm $14.35 bbl
* Denotes latest trading price

**THE TIMES STOCKWATCH**
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● Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included widespread falls after the trade figures, with Land Securities falling 29p, MEP 29p, BAe 21p, ICI 18p and Glaxo 18p. Among the few stocks showing gains, Lonrho and Royal Bank of Scotland both added 2p.
● Recent additions include: London Overseas Freight B referred 03510; BWD Securities referred 03511; EWF 03512.
● Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

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## Record £2.43bn trade gap exceeds City's worst expectations

# Deficit wipes £6.7bn off shares

**By John Bell and Geoffrey Foster**

The City suffered its worst day of chaos since last year's crash in the wake of October's record £2.43 billion trade deficit.

*The FT-SE 100* index closed 38.3 points down at 1,794.7, wiping £6.74 billion from share values.

Prices had plunged as soon as the news hit dealers' screens, even though markets were braced for bad news after last month's "freak" figures for September, which appeared to show a sudden improvement.

Investors saw a massive £10.72 billion wiped from their shareholdings by 2pm, *on the last day of the account*, as the FT-SE 100 share index plummeted through the important 1,800 mark.

Dealers had been expecting an October deficit in the region of £1.2 billion, up from September's £560 million, and were astonished when the £2.43 billion figure emerged.

Market-makers, who had witnessed quiet trading conditions over the previous days ahead of the figures, were galvanized into action, mainly marking prices lower indiscriminately.

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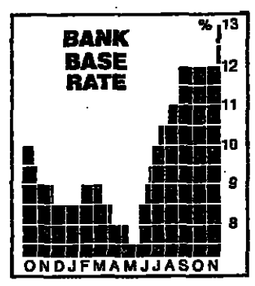
For a 30-minute period *immediately* after the 11.30am statistics, "fast-market" conditions prevailed, in which prices shown on dealers' Seaq screens were merely "indicative" due to the volume of trade. In an atmosphere reminiscent of the crash, the FT-SE 100 share index, which stood 1.1 lower at 11.30am, fell away to stand 18.8 points off at noon.

Then news of the 1 per cent rise in bank base rates to 13 per cent sparked off a fresh wave of selling and the index collapsed through 1,800 to stand 41.1 points down at 1,791.9 by 1pm. In one hour, £2.3 billion had been erased from share values.

Thereafter, for a period conditions worsened with market-makers taking further action. The fall increased to more than 50 points at 1,782.5 points by 2.08pm, at which time the amount cut from share values had risen to nearly £11 billion.

Some equilibrium was restored, despite Wall Street opening with a 20-point fall, as some operators moved to close bear positions before the end of the account at 3.30pm. By 4.30pm, the FT-SE 100 had rallied to 1,794.5, for a fall of 38.5 points on the day with 688.3 million shares changing hands. Mr Barry Marks, managing director of Robert Fleming Securities, the broker, said: "We are bearish of the market. There were some large lines of stock around, but at the same time, cheap buyers were prepared to deal at the lower levels. Everyone must be concerned about the new level of interest rates, which will no doubt be well documented in the weekend press."

Mr Bob Cowell at Hoare Govett, the broker, said: "The balance of the market is depending at the moment on whether we have seen the peak for interest rates." A spokesman for Smith New Court, the rival broker, added: "We expect the FT-SE 100 share index to test the lowest end of its recent trading range of between 1,750 and 1,850. But when it does, there will plenty of people out there ready to buy, knowing the market is underpinned by institutional liquidity and good corporate activity, and *still offers good value.*"




The pound fell almost one cent to $1.8290 and 1½ pfennigs to DM3.1413/49 in the 25 minutes after the news was released. The gloom also *swept through money markets* where rates were immediately marked a quarter of a point higher.

The Bank of England moved swiftly to restore calm by raising its money market lending rate one percentage point to 13 per cent. This was a clear signal to the clearing banks to raise their base lending rates correspondingly. Dealers said the speed of the Bank's move caught some by surprise as it had the look of a precipitate measure.

But most money market sources said the move showed the Government would take no risks with inflation.

Gilt-edged stocks slipped by ⅜ of a point on news of the trade figures and extended their losses to a full point below overnight levels after the Bank of England raised its lending rate.

The setback could have been worse but for selective support ahead of the figures, which offset some of the damage, prices finishing just £½ below the levels they stood at before the news. Earlier there had been talk that the Bank of England had intervened in the bond market.

## Young rules out Harrods deal referral

**By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor**

Lord Young, the Trade Secretary, has decided not to refer the 1985 takeover of House of Fraser by the Fayed family to the Monopolies Commission, despite a strenuous campaign by Lonrho, which was thwarted by the DTI in its attempts to buy the stores group.

The decision effectively dashes Lonrho's lingering *hopes of owning Harrods*, the jewel in Fraser's crown, which its chief executive, Mr Tiny Rowland, has been pursuing for *11* years.

An investigation of the merger by the Commission would have provided the only circumstances in which the Fayeds could, in theory, have been legally forced to sell House of Fraser.

Mr Paul Spicer, a director of Lonrho, said the decision was a scandal. "We are immensely disappointed that Lord Young should not have taken the correct step of referring this to the Commission. We feel this is a government orchestrated cover-up".

A spokesman for the Fayed brothers welcomed Lord Young's decision and said the matter would never have come up but for Mr Rowland's long personal campaign. "We are pleased that in the face of this pressure the Secretary of State has not given way."

A statement to House of Fraser staff from the office of Mr Mohamed Al Fayed, said: "The senior management are delighted that the position has been made clear. This company is owned and will continue to be owned by the Al Fayed brothers."

There will be an indefinite *further* delay in publishing the report of DTI inspectors into the House of Fraser, which was delivered to Lord Young *in July. In a painstakingly* worded statement, the DTI confirmed that the report "is not being published for the time being owing to inquiries by the prosecution authorities".

The statement acknowledges that the inspectors' report "indicates the existence of previously undisclosed material facts" about the Fayed takeover. This would have allowed the trade secretary to refer the takeover to the Commission retrospectively, *even though it was waved* through by Mr Norman Tebbit, then trade secretary.

But after allowing Lonrho formally to make representations to him on Wednesday, Lord Young has ruled that a reference would not be "appropriate". The statement says, however, that "it may be appropriate in due course for other steps to be taken in the light of the inspectors' report".

The DTI, which still faces a legal battle with Lonrho, refused to elaborate or even to name any relevant powers it possesses beyond any criminal prosecution that could emerge from study of the report by the Serious Fraud Office.

Shortly after the DTI statement, the Court of Appeal overturned a High Court ruling and gave Lonrho permission to challenge Lord Young's reasons for delaying publication of the Fraser report through a judicial review.

*Mr John Beveridge QC*, Lonrho's counsel, argued in court that the public interest in publication should be balanced against the interest of the Serious Fraud Office in the report.

Lonrho had made grave allegations about the takeover, Mr Beveridge said. "The nub of those allegations is that the relevant authorities were deceived and, as a result, Lonrho were treated prejudicially."

"By something amounting *to fraud the Fayeds were able* to buy that which – if the truth was known – they would have been unable to buy," he submitted.

ALAN WELLER



Delighted with the decision: Mohamed Al Fayed outside Harrods yesterday

## British Airways in new joint bid for Air New Zealand

**By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent**

*British Airways has joined* with a Japanese tourism group and a New Zealand investment bank to make a new bid to take over Air New Zealand.

An earlier bid by BA to take a stake in the airline had been thwarted by some New Zealand ministers who favoured a link with Qantas.

The new attempt was made after a *reappraisal of how the* airline could best be privatized.

Under the new plan BA and EIE, a Japanese company, would share a 35 per cent stake. The remainder would be held by DFC, the New Zealand investment bank. DFC in turn would make shares available to Air New Zealand staff and local investors.

BA has been anxious to obtain a slice of the profitable *Air New Zealand operation* for some time to give it a toehold in the fast-growing Far East market.

The BA grouping now faces fierce competition from another consortium led by *Qantas and Brierley Investments.*

No figure has been put on the value of either bid although the New Zealand government is not prepared for more than 35 per cent of the shares to be held by foreign interests.

The airline sale is part of a government programme to *privatize assets to raise funds* to repay foreign debt.

DFC itself was sold a week ago, with National Provident Fund, the country's leading mutual fund, taking 80 per cent. The rest was bought by Salomon Bros.

## Crown 'rebuffed before'

Cundell, the packaging group fighting a £28 million bid from privately-controlled Crown *Industrial, rebuffed an approach* from the company earlier this year, Mr Brian Fix, the Cundell chairman, said yesterday.

In a letter to shareholders, urging their support for plans *to merge with Ferry Pickering*, he said Crown made an approach some months ago. A get-together with Crown, would "move Cundell back towards the lower margin *commodity end of the packaging* industry, well known for its cyclical nature and vulnerability, and subject to competitive pressures from large established players."

Mr Fix said Crown's bid was *inadequate and prospects* remained brighter with Ferry Pickering.

## RHM in £80m buy

Shredded Wheat, one of the most popular British breakfast *cereals since the war, is chang*ing hands in a deal worth £80 million (John Bell writes).

The buyer is Ranks Hovis McDougall, the foods group which earlier this week valued its existing brands at £678 million.

Ranks Hovis is buying the British breakfast cereals operations of Nabisco, the US food group and the right to use its cereals technology throughout western Europe. The business *includes other leading* brands such as Shreddies and Team Wheatflakes and is based on a 10-acre freehold *site at Welwyn Garden City*, Hertfordshire.

The tangible assets are currently estimated to be worth £35 million. RHM intends to include the brands acquired in its balance sheet in accordance with its new policy.

## Peel bids £269m for London Shop

**By Cliff Feltham**

Peel Holdings, the edge-of-town shopping developer, yesterday *launched a hostile £269* million takeover bid for London Shop, the retail property company in which it *already holds a 21 per cent* stake.

Mr John Bushell, the London Shop chairman, immediately threw out the bid as being "inadequate".

Peel is offering 300p a share *in cash for London Shop*, which is a 12 per cent premium to the last reported net asset value, for the year to *end-April, of 267p.*

In the stock market shares in London Shop, which had been changing hands at 304p ahead of the bid, slipped 2p.

Mr Bushell said: "The only thing unexpected about this bid is the fact that they have started at such a low level, which completely fails to reflect the value of the business." London Shop owns a portfolio consisting mainly of shopping centres, parades and *individual shops, half of* which in value terms are located in the South-east. Last year the company made pre-*tax profits of £10.9 million.*

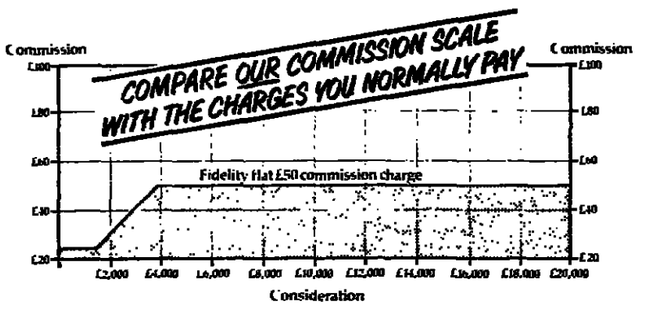
Mr John Whittaker, chairman of Peel, said: "The acquisition of London Shop, with its secondary retail properties, will increase the development prospects open to us in the retail area."

Peel is raising £121 million towards the cost of the bid by a rights issue pitched at four *new shares at 300p each for* every five held. In the stock market the existing shares tumbled 18p to 305p.

Peel also unveiled pre-tax profits for the first half of the year of £9.3 million, an increase of 97 per cent, and earnings per share of 13.98p, an increase of 72 per cent. The interim dividend goes up 71 per cent to 3p a share.

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## Production agreement hinges on Iranian approval

# Opec crosses fingers for new accord

**From a Correspondent, Vienna**

Members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries meet again tonight to ratify a new production agreement – provided Mr Gholamreza Aghzadeh, the Iranian oil minister, returns from Tehran today with approval from his government.

Delegates expressed general satisfaction with the tentative accord giving Iraq production parity with Iran. But cracks remain in the proposed 18.5 million barrel six-month production agreement which could bring Opec back to Vienna within months.

Worry remains whether Tehran will *agree to the parity proposal. Iran had* insisted until Thursday it would not sign an equal production accord with Iraq. Iran got the preservation of its present market share of Opec production, but appears to have knuckled under to Opec pressure on Iraq.

Prices in Tokyo and London shot up in early trading and despite midday jitters Brent closed at $14.30, up more than $1 a barrel.

Analysts say the agreement, while sound in the short term for lifting prices, is not likely to last more than several months for a number of reasons.

The winter heating season is traditionally Opec's busiest time, justifying the increase in production starting in January that would result from the tentative accord. The end of the winter season will probably see world demand for Opec oil fall below the proposed ceiling of 18.5 million barrels a day.

Another reason for pessimism is the coming on-stream of several Iraqi pipelines next year which could boost production there by three million barrels a day, and would tempt Baghdad to break the accord, according to analysts.

There is also the resentment of such Opec producers as the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait at having to accept less of an increase than has been promised to them in the past.

Experts say it could lead to further cheating in the cartel on production, which would lead to lower world oil prices again.

Price "hawk" Iran also said that if the Opec benchmark price of $18 a barrel was not reached in several months, the cartel's pricing committee might have to reconvene "to find ways and means" to bring it to that level.

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### Onshore field may contain 75 million more barrels and will last well into the 21st century

# Wytch Farm could be even richer

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Britain's largest onshore oil field, the Wytch Farm field in Dorset, is now thought to contain up to 75 million more barrels than previously estimated, and may extend beneath the waters off Poole Harbour.

Drilling now being carried out by British Petroleum off the Dorset coast is expected to confirm this. BP started drilling offshore in October, and has yet to start taking core samples from the well. However, it is understood that initial results indicate that testing of oil-flow rates could begin early next month.

BP owns 50 per cent of the Wytch Farm Field, which has declared of 275 million barrels and is shortly to reach peak production of 60,000 barrels a day. Even with the current depressed oil price it is highly profitable when compared to North Sea oilfields.

The find will be particularly welcome news for the group of independent oil companies which holds the other 50 per cent of the field, although it may have come too late to save Carless — a 7.5 per cent stakeholder — in its takeover battle with Kelt Energy.

Carless yesterday told its shareholders to continue to reject the Kelt bid — only 8 per cent of shares have moved from Carless to Kelt on the open market.

Carless yesterday refused to comment on the new find, which substantially upgrades the worth of Wytch Farm to Carless.

However, some analysts now take the view that the value of the Kelt bid is so short of Carless's asset value that Kelt's financial backers may be reviewing their involvement.

Of the other Wytch Farm stakeholders, Arco has 17.5 per cent of the field, acquired when it took over Tricentrol earlier this year, Premier 12.5 per cent, Clyde 7.5 per cent and Goal 5 per cent. Kelt has said that it would finance the takeover by disposing of the manufacturing and marketing assets of Carless, but there is now speculation that it would find it easier to raise cash by disposing of Carless's Wytch Farm stake.

However, the value of such a stake would depend on whether the buyer had a drilling exploration programme in other areas which it could offset against the earnings from the Wytch Farm oil. A company in that position — which would include the other Wytch Farm partners and other likely buyers such as British Gas — may value the Carless holding at between £60 million and £90 million.

Under the Wytch Farm agreement any partner disposing of a shareholding has to offer it first to the other partners before it can seek offers on the open market.

The partners also have the right to match any eventual open market offer. The new find will not increase the daily output of Wytch Farm, but will extend its working life well into the next century, when the world oil price is expected to have moved significantly above the $30-a-barrel mark once again.

BP has had to work closely with local environmental groups in order to build the existing production facilities and pipelines, which can handle the designated output of 60,000 barrels a day, and there would be little possibility of winning the necessary planning permissions needed to expand these.

The new extension to the oil reservoir could be developed using subsea technology, but the waters may be too shallow to allow this. The new part of the reservoir may also be within reach of the existing shore facilities, but the development of the new discovery will pose severe technical and environmental problems.

# Kelt now speaks for 45.7% of Carless

By Carol Ferguson

**Kelt Energy just failed to gain 50 per cent of Carless, the independent oil company, by the first closing date on Thursday, and has extended the offer for a further 14 days until 3pm on December 8. It has also given notice that the cash offer will be withdrawn at the second closing date.**

**Kelt, which has made a £212 million offer for Carless, either owned, or received valid acceptances in respect of 82.2 million shares, representing 45.7 per cent of Carless's issued share capital. Additional Kelt purchases, and further acceptances with insufficient cover, would have increased the total level of acceptances to 47.16 per cent.**

**The offer is £4 plus one Kelt convertible preference share for every four Carless shares, valuing Carless at 116p each. The cash alternative is 115p. Carless shares yesterday were 115p, down ½p.**

**London Merchant Securities, Carless's biggest shareholder, has accepted Kelt's offer in respect of its 27.18 per cent holding.**

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Raglan expands with £5m town shops deal

**Raglan Property Trust, the developer, is paying £4.76 million for 14 freehold shops in a move to expand into fast-growing market towns from Darlington in County Durham to Witney in Oxfordshire. After expenses, the deal will cost £5.2 million. The shops are being sold by LAS Investment Assurance and have a current rental income of £229,000. The acquisition will boost Raglan's income from investment properties from £563,000 a year to £792,000.**

**Raglan is financing the acquisition through the issue of 42.2 million new shares. Of these, 9.6 million are being conditionally placed by Kleinwort Benson with TR Property Investment Trust and 30 million with institutional investors. Raglan reported pre-tax profits for the six months to end-September of £418,000, up 33 per cent. Earnings per share rose 54 per cent to 0.2p. The shares fell 1p to 11.5p.**

### French GDP up by 0.8%

**France's gross domestic product grew by 0.8 per cent in the third quarter of 1988, the national statistics institute said, and is set for a full-year expansion of 3.5 per cent. The third quarter figure compared with a growth of 1.2 per cent in the first quarter of this year, 0.4 per cent in the second, and 0.9 per cent in the third quarter of 1987.**

### Birmid bid unconditional

**The £330 million bid for Birmid Qualcast by Blue Circle Industries, the cement manufacturer, has gone unconditional. By Thursday, Blue Circle had received acceptances in respect of 92.8 per cent of Birmid's share capital. Blue Circle launched its 450p per share agreed cash bid for Birmid on October 17. The offer remains open.**

### Perpetual profits fall

**Perpetual, the unit trust management group, saw pre-tax profits for the year to end-September fall from £5.49 million to £2.61 million. Turnover was £77.19 million (£183.86 million). Earnings per share fell to 6.88p (14.60p). A 1.7p final dividend made a total of 2.5p (2.5p).**

**Structural changes imposed by the Financial Services Act had a negative impact and, combined with a deteriorating sales pattern over the six months to end-September, led to lower second-half profits. Mr Martyn Arbib, the chairman, warned unit trust profits would fall further without a substantial improvement in unit trust sales.**

### Fergabrook moves offices

**Fergabrook, the Wembley and Frido football manufacturer and toy distributor, is closing its 30,000 sq ft headquarters at Surbiton, in Surrey, on January 31, although it will retain two showrooms for its Rainbow toy division and the office of Mr Richard King, the chairman. The operations centre of the group will move to Northampton.**

### $250m credit line for ADT

**ADT, the security and services group headed by Mr Michael Ashcroft, has arranged a $250 million (£136.6 million) revolving credit facility with a group of international banks through Credit Suisse First Boston. Mr Ashcroft indicated last month he wanted to buy a key stake in Holmes Protection, the Delaware-incorporated security company.**

### Surplus pegs Hughes

**A world surplus of frozen cod blocks, caused by lower US sales hit by the falling dollar, cost Hughes Food Group some £500,000 in the half-year to end-September. As a result, pre-tax profits reached only £2.2 million, up just £190,000 despite sales ahead 45 per cent to £31.81 million. Brokers' forecasts of profits for the current year are now in the range of £5.7 million to £6.3 million, cut back from upwards of £7 million.**

**The interim dividend of 0.25p is unchanged. It has taken a £698,000 below-the-line hit, some £500,000 from terminated negotiations to buy Rossfish from Hanson and the balance from the closure of its vegetable processing operations.**

## ANZ lifts profit to a record £455m

From Richard Battley
Sydney

An efficient banking core and improved results from Grindlays enabled ANZ Banking Group to post a record Aus$962 million (£455 million) operating profit for the year to end-September, up 18 per cent.

Dividends soared 188 per cent to 60.5 cents. This comprised a final 22 cents tax-free dividend, the 12.5 cents interim, and a special 26 cents dividend. This payout will be made next April to maximize tax advantages.

The bank's shares rose 14 cents higher after the results, closing at Aus$5.50.

Earnings per share rose 14.9 cents to 71 cents.

All sections had performed well, excluding investment banking which had been affected by intense competition.

McCaughan Dyson, the bank's broking arm, lost Aus$4 million.

Net profits for the bank's global operations rose 39 per cent to Aus$398 million. Savings bank net profits jumped 52 per cent to Aus$66 million.

ANZ Holdings (UK), the vehicle for elements of the original Grindlays acquisition, posted a net profit of Aus$48 million, having lost Aus$3 million the previous year.

Mr Will Bailey, the managing director, said the group's loans to Third World countries, which totalled Aus$1.38 billion, would be reduced gradually.

## Northumbrian OFT appeal

Northumbrian Water is objecting to the Office of Fair Trading over the £60 million takeover bids by Lyonnaise des Eaux, the French water group, for the Newcastle & Gateshead and Sunderland & South Shields statutory water companies, which both operate in its area.

Northumbrian Water had bought small stakes in the two companies but sold them two weeks before the French bid because, it says, it had accomplished its purpose of establishing closer co-operation with the companies to increase efficiency.

## GA purchase

General Accident is acquiring WH Lancashire and Son, the Sheffield estate agent, for an undisclosed figure. WH Lancashire's net assets amount to about £32,500. As part of the consideration, GA issued 15,721 new shares.



Fighting the downturn in design services: Roger Smedley, chairman of SAC International, yesterday

# SAC results slump to £2.02m

By Martin Waller

SAC International, the engineering design consultant, has unveiled a predictably disastrous set of full-year figures, with profits tumbling from £3.24 million to £2.02 million in the 12 months to end-August.

The company warned shareholders shortly before the end of the financial year that profits would be "somewhat less" than in the previous year and would fall short of market expectations.

The actual figures were even worse than analysts had been expecting, and the shares fell a further 4p to 92p on the USM. They were changing hands at about 110p before the profits warning.

SAC is acquiring a reputation for being accident-prone — the previous year's figures were also well below market forecasts. The company has previously been a highly-acquisitive glamour stock, reaching a peak of 430p in the summer before the market crash.

The profits drop was wholly attributable to a £1.3 million downturn in the design services division, the original core business, the company said. This was due to delays on contracts imposed by clients, particularly the Government, which accounts for 70 per cent of business.

SAC has also taken an exceptional, above-the-line loss of £640,000, most of this reflecting rationalization costs, with staff numbers in the afflicted division cut by 20 per cent.

A forecast final dividend of 2.5p raises the total from 3.5p to 4p.

## Pittard bid by S&F referred

By Martin Waller

The £41 million takeover bid by Strong & Fisher (Holdings) for Pittard Garnar, the rival leather firm, has been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has also prohibited Strong & Fisher from buying beyond the 15 per cent level in Pittard, the first such order to be made under the Fair Trading Act.

The use of the power followsthe share-buying spree by Elders IXL a fortnight ago, the day its £1.6 billion bid for Scottish & Newcastle Breweries was referred.

The MMC is being asked to report within three months. It will consider the effects of a successful bid on competition in the production of clothing leather for sheepskins.

Yesterday was the last effective opportunity for the DTI to announce its decision, which is in line with a recommendation from the Office of Fair Trading.

Pittard shares dropped 8p to 194p. Strong & Fisher's offer is worth just above 187p.

Pittard has also brought out its profit forecast, estimating pre-tax profits of at least £3 million in the year to end-December. This would wipe out its £2.54 million interim loss this year.

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## Nestlé seeks global growth

By Colin Narbrough

Nestlé, the Swiss food multinational, seems poised to follow up its purchase of Rowntree with expansion around the globe.

Nestlé revealed it is considering a big rights issue next spring — possibly to raise as much as Sfr2 billion (£770 million). It plans listings in London, Tokyo and Australia.

With last summer's £2.5 billion capture of Rowntree, still fresh in its mind, Nestlé's decision to open its registered shares to foreigners looks like the laying of ground for further expansion.

Herr Helmut Maucher, the German managing director, made no secret this week of his interest in buying bits of RJR Nabisco, should it be broken up at the end of the current $20 billion (£10.8 billion) bid battle in America.

After consolidating Rowntree and Buitoni, its Italian acquisition, Nestlé expects a net profit of about Sfr2 billion this year, up from Sfr1.8 billion last.

Herr Maucher said sales were 10.3 per cent ahead since Rowntree and Buitoni went on the books in July.

Nestlé foresees both profits and sales growing by about 10 to 15 per cent next year.

## £20m buy for GT Venture

By Our City Staff

GT Venture Investment Company is paying about £20 million for a portfolio in up to 31 venture funds held by the Water Authorities Superannuation Fund. The portfolio comprises a range of venture funds, mainly investing in the US, Britain and Japan, covering a variety of industrial sectors.

The price will be satisfied by the issue of 1 million new shares issued at 90p and the balance by the issue at par of convertible loan stock, convertible into GTVIC shares at 120p.

Based upon a valuation of the portfolio of £20 million, the fully diluted net asset value per GTVIC share will increase from 107p, the directors' valuation, to 112p as a result of this acquisition. The directors and certain other holders in GTVIC, with an aggregate 5,525,610 shares, have irrevocably undertaken to vote in favour of the deal.

The deal gives WASF potential rights over more than 30 per cent of GTVIC's share capital; full conversion would result in WASF holding about 56 per cent.

Dealings in GTVIC shares were frozen pending details of the deal.

# Merrydown's £748,000 cheers

By Michael Tate

Merrydown Wine, the Sussex cider-maker, is finding a big market for its products in Scandinavia, and it has laid important plans for an assault on the European Economic Community in time for the 1992 single market.

Export sales had a good first half, particularly in the Scandinavian countries, said managing director Mr Richard Purdy yesterday, as he unveiled pre-tax profits of £748,000 for the six months to end-September, against £673,000 previously.

"In the longer term Merrydown is undertaking extensive research of the market opportunities within the EEC so as to take full advantage of the post-1992 changes," he added.

USM-quoted Merrydown is lifting the interim dividend from 0.9p to 1p a share, out of earnings of 10.21p a share, against 9.24p.

Mr Purdy said that during the six months sales of apple juices performed well, under both the company's own brand and private labels. Growth prospects for these products were good.

Prospects for the second half depend on the pre-Christmas sales and restocking in the new year. Orders during October were disappointing, but November has shown some recovery.

Mr Purdy is concerned, however, that retail sales may suffer due to lower consumer demand, and that the drinks market may be no exception.

The company has been appointed UK sales agent for Birell, a West German-brewed low-alcohol lager, and is also test-marketing a low-alcohol cider in its local trading area.

Sales of Martlet Natural Foods were slightly down. This was ascribed to the exceptional market conditions in 1987 for Honegar, the company's cider vinegar-and-honey folk remedy.

But Mr Purdy said the long-term potential remains excellent.



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# Rate rise 'will hit stores profits'

The big stores are facing a bleak run up to Christmas according to Mr Zak Keshavjee, a stores analyst at SBCI Savory Milln, the broker.

Following yesterday's shock 1 per cent rise in clearing bank base lending rates to 13 per cent, which immediately ensued the bad October trade figures, Mr Keshavjee took out his red pencil and slashed between 4 and 5 per cent from his pre-tax profit forecasts for this year and next on every company he watches.

**Keep an eye on Fergabrook, at 13p, which is being transformed into a wider-spread plastics group by Mr Philip Harrison, the new chief executive. The closure of its London HQ should be followed soon by the sale of its cosmetics side and further rationalization.**

Mr Keshavjee told *The Times*: "The psychological effect on the consumer of another rise in base rates and, possibly, mortgage rates could be catastrophic. It is the worst possible scenario for the stores sector. There are only 25 shopping days left before Christmas and, historically, these should be the strongest in sales terms. This will not be the case now and the big stores will find it impossible to catch up".

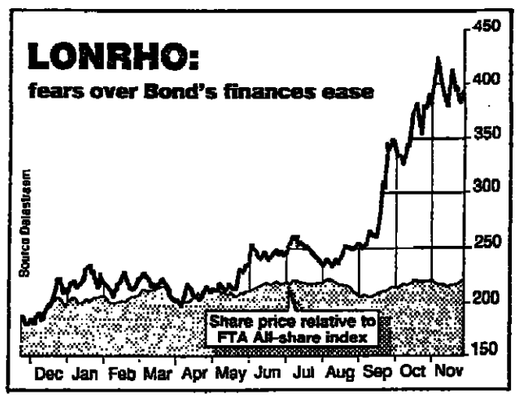
He also believes that many of the big stores will be forced to start their winter sales even earlier this year, possibly a week before Christmas. Mr Keshavjee added: "They will be overloaded with unsold stock and will be forced to reconsider their sales planning".

Stores fell on the base rate news and the downgradings as market-makers took defensive action.

For example, **Dixons**, the high street electrical retailer, dropped 3p to 144p, after 142p, after Mr Keshavjee slashed his pre-tax profit forecast for next year from £110 million to £95 million while **Marks and Spencer**, the so-called jewel in the high street's crown, declined 6p to 148p; Mr Keshavjee's current- year prediction has been cut from £550 million to £535 million and from £610 million to £580 million for next year.

Elsewhere, the rest of the equity market dropped like a stone in shocked response to the record £2.43 billion October trade deficit and rise in base rates.

The FT-SE 100-share index plummeted through the psychological 1,800 level in hectic trading — Seaq was showing "fast market" conditions prevailing for a while, meaning that prices on dealers' screens were "indicative" because of the volume of trade — and by about 2 pm about £8 billion had been wiped off share values with the index 50.5 points lower at 1,782.5.




A closing of some bear positions did produce a modest rally, but by 3 pm the index was still standing 46.3 down at 1,786.7. The narrower FT 30-share index showed a decline of 43.6 at 1,450.1.

Gilt-edged stocks also showed a marked dislike to 13 per cent base rates and closed more than £1 lower.

**Lonrho**, Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland's international trading group with interests ranging from mining to leisure, shrugged aside Thursday's nervous performance and closed 1.5p higher at 383.5p, after 389.5p, on a turnover of more than 5 million shares.

The shares dropped to 365p at one stage on Thursday amid fresh fears about the financial gearing of the empire of Mr Alan Bond, the Australian businessman, after reports that recent heavy purchases of Lonrho shares had involved a "deferred payment" arrangement with his US broker.

However, brave speculators returned yesterday as worries about Mr Bond's financial position — Bond Corporation is believed to owe creditors about Aus$7.2 billion (£3.4 billion) — were allayed by the news that Bond Corporation International, Bond Corporation's investment subsidiary in Hong Kong, is negotiating to sell its 30.4 per cent stake in local television companies for HK$2.01 billion (£140 million).

This was accompanied by reports that Bond Corporation has found a buyer for its 31 per cent stake in **Dewey Warren**, the insurance group — 10p up at 124p — and is expected to reap a further US$43 million (£23 million) from this sale.

Dealers immediately took the view that Mr Bond is realizing cash to make a fresh assault on Lonrho. They feel that he will increase his stake in the company from the current 21 per cent before launching a bid of more than £2 billion.

Analysts value Lonrho at £5 to £6 a share, while Mr Rowland has gone on record as saying that it is worth £8

**Allied-Lyons**, the food and drinks group, in which Mr Bond also owns an 11 per cent stake — and where many dealers believe his main ambitions lie — reacted from an initial firm level of 470p to close 8.5p lower at 459p.

Allied-Lyons's interim results are scheduled for Tuesday and the market is expecting pre-tax profits of about £225 million compared with £198 million last time.

Reports that BP has made a large oil discovery in Britain's largest onshore field at Wytch Farm in Dorset — now thought to contain up to 75 million more barrels than previous estimates — made little impression on the shares which closed 1.5p lower at 248.5p ahead of any further news from Opec.

Other independent oil companies which have big interests in Wytch Farm also failed to respond to the bullish news. **Premier Consolidated**, which has a 12.5 per cent stake in the field, closed ½p lower at 54p. **Clyde Petroleum**, which has 7.5 per cent, ended unaltered at 99p, while **Goal** (7.5 per cent) finished 1p cheaper at 96p. **Carless**, which is under siege from Kelt Energy, also owns a 7.5 per cent stake and cheapened ½p to 115p.

Meanwhile, in a stores sector demoralized by the fresh rise in interest rates, **Storehouse**, Sir Terence Conran's BHS, Habitat-Mothercare, Heal's and Richard shops retailing group, concluded a memorable week by resiliently closing unchanged at 214p. But the shares were up 29p over the five-day period.

Another 18 million changed hands, taking the week's total to above 81 million — 15 per cent of the issued capital.

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**CL-Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, the broker, is a fan of Century Oils, which closed 6p lower at 142p. It says its shares are attractive because of the group's lack of exposure to volatility in the oil price and the prospective dividend for the full year of 5.7 per cent.**

## WALL STREET

**New York (Reuter)** — Shares continued to fall in opening dealings yesterday, partly on futures-related selling. The Dow Jones industrial average was 20 points down at 2,072.28 after 10 minutes of trading.

A drop of more than a point in the US long bond from Wednesday's close on surging oil prices was the main factor. Trading was fairly active. In oils, Amoco rose by 1 to 72⅝, Texaco — the most active share — was ahead by ⅛ to 46, Exxon gained ⅛ to 42¼ and Atlantic Richfield was up ¾ to 78¾.

| | Nov 23 | Nov 22 | | Nov 23 | Nov 22 | | Nov 23 | Nov 22 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMR Cp | 50¼ | 47¾ | Fedders | 10⅝ | 10⅝ | Pennzoil | 71½ | 71⅝ |
| ASA | 37½ | 37¾ | Fst Chicago | 30⅞ | 30⅝ | Pepsico | 40 | 39⅝ |
| Aetna Life | 48¼ | 47¼ | Fst Int Bncp | 45½ | 46⅛ | Pfizer | 56⅝ | 56⅝ |
| Allied Signal | 32½ | 32¼ | Fst Penn C | 12⅜ | 12¼ | Phelps Dod | 48⅝ | 47⅛ |
| Atlis Chm | ½ | ½ | FT Wachva | 38⅞ | 38¼ | Philip Mor | 96¼ | 94⅜ |
| Alcoa | 54⅛ | 52¼ | Ford Motor | 51⅞ | 50⅝ | Philip Pet | 19⅝ | 19⅜ |
| Amax Inc | 22⅜ | 22¼ | GAF Cp | 45⅛ | 45½ | Pillsbury | 57 | 56⅝ |
| AMR Hess | 29¼ | 28⅝ | GTE Cp | 44⅝ | 43⅜ | Polaroid | 35⅛ | 34⅝ |
| Am Brands | 53⅜ | 53 | Gen Cp | 17 | 17⅛ | Primerica | 27⅜ | 26⅝ |
| Am Cynmd | 45⅞ | 45⅝ | Gn Dynam | 50⅝ | 50⅞ | Proct Gble | 61¼ | 61¼ |
| Am Elis Pwr | 26⅝ | 26⅝ | Gen Electric | 44⅝ | 44 | Pub SE Gr | 24¼ | 24⅜ |
| Amoco | 25⅝ | 25⅝ | Gen Inst | 22⅝ | 22 | R Nabisco | 66⅜ | 65⅛ |
| Am Family | 13 | 13¼ | Gen Mills | 51 | 50¾ | Raytheon | 69⅞ | 69⅜ |
| Am Home | 78⅝ | 73 | Gen Motors | 82¾ | 81¾ | Rynlds Metl | 51⅞ | 51⅛ |
| Am Int Grp | 63½ | 62¾ | Gen Pub Ut | 36⅜ | 36⅝ | Rockwell Int | 19⅞ | 19⅜ |
| Am Telph | 29⅜ | 28⅝ | Genesco | 5 | 5¼ | Royal Dutch | 113⅝ | 113 |
| Amoco Cp | 71⅝ | 71⅜ | Georgia Pac | 34¼ | 33⅝ | SFE Sopac | 16⅛ | 16 |
| Anheuser B | 30⅝ | 30½ | Gillette | 32⅜ | 32¾ | Sara Lee | 44¼ | 43⅝ |
| Arch Dan | 19⅜ | 19⅝ | Goodrich | 49⅜ | 48⅝ | Schlumb | 32⅝ | 33 |
| Armco Steel | 9⅝ | 9⅛ | Goodyear | 47¾ | 48 | Scott Paper | 36⅝ | 36¼ |
| Asarco Inc | 27 | 26⅛ | Grace Co | 25¼ | 24⅝ | Seagram | 58 | 58⅜ |
| Ashland Oil | 33 | 32¾ | Grt Atl Pac | 44 | 43¼ | Sears Roeb | 40 | 39⅜ |
| Atl Richfld | 78 | 78⅜ | Greyhnd | 28⅝ | 28¼ | Sec Pac | 36¼ | 35⅝ |
| Avon Prod | 19½ | 19¼ | Grumman | 21¼ | 21⅜ | Shell Trans | 73 | 72⅝ |
| Bk Boston | 23¼ | 23½ | Gulf Wstn | 38¼ | 38⅜ | Smith Beck | 44½ | 42⅝ |
| Bank NY | 34¾ | 34¼ | Henz | 44⅝ | 45½ | Soby Cp | 51¼ | 50⅜ |
| Bankamer | 17⅜ | 17⅜ | Hercules | 43⅝ | 44 | SW Bell | 40¼ | 40 |
| Bkrs Tst NY | 37¾ | 37¾ | Hewlett Pk | 47½ | 47 | Squibb | 66⅛ | 66½ |
| Baxter | 16¾ | 16⅝ | Hilton | 47⅜ | 47⅝ | Sun Comp | 31⅜ | 31⅛ |
| Beth Steel | 20⅛ | 20⅝ | Honeywell | 59⅝ | 59⅜ | TDK | n.a | 68 |
| Boeing | 62¾ | 61¼ | IC Ind | 31¼ | 31⅜ | TRW Inc | 41¾ | 42¾ |
| Boise Casc | 40⅜ | 40 | ITT Cp | 49¾ | 49½ | Teledyne | 328⅝ | 336½ |
| Bristl Meyr | 44 | 43¾ | Inland Steel | 33⅛ | 33 | Tenneco | 49⅝ | 49¾ |
| BP | 54⅜ | 53½ | IBM | 117¾ | 117 | Texaco | 45⅞ | 46 |
| Brunswick | 18 | 18⅛ | Int Paper | 44⅝ | 44¼ | Tex Eastn | 27¾ | 27⅝ |
| Burl Nth | 72 | 70½ | Irving Bk | 75¼ | 74 | Tex Util | 28⅞ | 28⅝ |
| CBS | 168⅝ | 164 | Jhan & Jhan | 84⅝ | 84⅜ | Textron | 23⅛ | 23⅝ |
| CMS Engy | 24⅛ | 24¼ | K Mart | 34⅜ | 34½ | Timken | 29¾ | 29 |
| CPC Int | 49⅝ | 49¾ | Kerr McGee | 35⅞ | 35⅝ | Travelers | 34½ | 34⅜ |
| CSX Cp | 30¾ | 29⅝ | Kimbrly Clrk | 56⅛ | 55⅝ | UAL Cp | 105⅜ | 99⅝ |
| Camp Soup | 30⅝ | 30⅜ | Knight Ridr | 46⅜ | 45⅝ | USG Cp | 4⅞ | 5 |
| Can Pacific | 16⅜ | 16⅝ | Kraft | 104⅜ | 103¾ | USX Cp | 26⅞ | 26⅝ |
| Caterpillar | 63⅜ | 62 | Kroger | 17 | 16⅞ | Un Carbide | 25⅝ | 25¾ |
| Centrl SW | 30¾ | 30⅝ | LTV Cp | 2⅜ | 2⅜ | Un Pac Cp | 51⅝ | 51 |
| Champion | 30½ | 30¾ | Litton | 71⅛ | 69⅝ | Unisys Cp | 26 | 26⅛ |
| Chase Man | 27⅞ | 28 | Lockheed | 39¼ | 39⅝ | Unit Brand | 14⅞ | 14⅜ |
| Chem Bank | 32⅝ | 32⅞ | Lone Star | 30⅝ | 29⅞ | Us West | 57⅜ | 58 |
| Chevron | 44¼ | 44½ | Man H'nver | 28½ | 28⅞ | Utd Tech | 39⅝ | 39⅜ |
| Chrysler | 25⅜ | 25⅝ | Manville | 1⅞ | 1⅞ | Unocal | 36¾ | 36⅝ |
| Citicorp | 25½ | 24⅞ | Mapco | 51¼ | 50⅜ | Warn Lamb | 74 | 72⅝ |
| Clark Eq | 30⅝ | 29⅜ | Marriott | 29⅜ | 30 | Wells Far | 66⅛ | 66¼ |
| Coca Cola | 42⅝ | 42⅜ | Mt Marrieta | 41⅜ | 41⅝ | Westg El | 51⅜ | 51⅛ |
| Colgate | 43⅜ | 43¼ | Masco Cp | 24 | 24⅛ | Weyershr | 24⅜ | 24⅜ |
| Columb Gas | 34 | 34 | Mcdonalds | 46⅝ | 46¾ | Whirlpool | 24⅜ | 24⅜ |
| Comb'n Eng | 26½ | 26¾ | Mcdonnell | 76 | 75⅝ | Woolworth | 51⅜ | 50⅝ |
| Conwith Edl | 32½ | 32¼ | Mead Cp | 39⅝ | 38⅛ | Xerox Cp | 55⅞ | 55⅝ |
| Cons Edis | 44⅜ | 45 | Merck | 55⅜ | 55⅝ | Zenith | 17⅝ | 17 |
| Consol Ng | 38¾ | 38⅜ | Minsta Mng | 59⅛ | 59 | | | |
| Cont Data | 17⅞ | 17⅝ | Mobil | 42¼ | 42½ | **CANADIAN PRICES** | | |
| Corning Gl | 65⅜ | 65⅛ | Monsanto | 79⅝ | 79⅜ | Agnco Eag | 12¾ | 12⅜ |
| Crane | 22⅛ | 22⅜ | Montedison | 14⅜ | n.a | Alcan Alum | 36⅝ | 36½ |
| Curtiss W | 51⅜ | 51⅛ | Morgan Jp | 34⅜ | 34⅜ | Can Pacific | 20 | 20¼ |
| Data Genl | 17⅜ | 17⅝ | Motorola | 37⅛ | 37⅞ | Cominco | 21⅛ | 21⅜ |
| Deere Co | 48⅛ | 47⅜ | NCR | 52¼ | 52 | Con Bathurst | 14⅜ | 14⅜ |
| Delta Air | 47⅞ | 47⅜ | NL Indstrs | 6 | 6 | Hawk S Can | 20⅜ | 21 |
| Detroit Edl | 16 | 16 | Nat Md Ent | 21¼ | 21 | Hud Bay M | 20¾ | 20⅝ |
| Digital Eq | 92⅜ | 91⅞ | Nat Semi | 8¼ | 8¼ | Imasco | 26¼ | 26⅜ |
| Disney | 62¾ | 63 | Norfolk Sth | 30⅛ | 30 | Imperial Oil | 47½ | 47⅜ |
| Dow Chem | 84⅝ | 84⅛ | NW Bancrp | 32 | 31⅞ | Inco | 36¾ | 35¼ |
| Dressr Ind | 26¼ | 25⅞ | Occid Petl | 25⅝ | 25½ | Royl Trstco | 16 | 15⅝ |
| Dupont | 61 | 60⅝ | Ogden Cp | 28⅛ | 28⅝ | Seagram | 69⅝ | 69⅝ |
| Duke Pwr | 45¼ | 45¼ | Olin Cp | 45¼ | 45 | Shell Can | 39⅞ | 39⅝ |
| East Kodak | 45½ | 44¾ | PPG Ind | 37⅜ | 37¾ | Steico | 21 | 21⅛ |
| Eaton Cp | 52 | 52¾ | Pac Enterp | 36¾ | 37⅜ | Thmsn N 'A' | 27⅞ | 27⅞ |
| Emerson El | 29 | 29⅛ | Pac Gas El | 17¾ | 17⅝ | Varity Cp | 3.45 | 3.45 |
| Emery Air | 4⅜ | 4⅛ | Pan Am | 2⅛ | 2¼ | WCE | 15⅞ | 15⅞ |
| Exxon | 42 | 42⅜ | Penney JC | 52 | 51⅝ | Weston | 34⅝ | 34¾ |
| Farah Inc | 7⅜ | 7⅜ | | | | | | |

## LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

| | Series | Calls Jan | Apr | Jul | Puts Jan | Apr | Jul |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Allid Lyon (*459) | 420 | 50 | 66 | – | 5 | 11 | – |
| | 460 | 23 | 40 | 52 | 18 | 24 | 32 |
| | 500 | 9 | 20 | 33 | 45 | 48 | 52 |
| Brit Air (*157) | 140 | 16 | 23 | – | 2½ | 5 | – |
| | 160 | 5 | 9 | 14 | 11 | 15 | 17 |
| | 180 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 23 | 30 | 31 |
| Brit Com (*232) | 220 | 18 | 27 | 32 | 5 | 10 | 11 |
| | 240 | 6 | 15 | 21 | 14 | 18 | 21 |
| | 260 | 2 | 8 | 13 | 32 | 34 | 36 |
| BP (*249) | 220 | 31 | 34 | 37 | 1⅛ | 4½ | 6 |
| | 240 | 15 | 18 | 23 | 5½ | 12 | 13 |
| | 260 | 5 | 7½ | 14 | 15 | 22 | 24 |
| Boss (*780) | 750 | 42 | 65 | 87 | 15 | 20 | 23 |
| | 800 | 15 | 37 | 57 | 42 | 42 | 45 |
| | 850 | 5 | 20 | 35 | 80 | 80 | 82 |
| C & W (*356) | 360 | 18 | 28 | 40 | 19 | 25 | 30 |
| | 390 | 7 | 15 | 25 | 45 | 50 | 53 |
| | 420 | 3 | 7 | 17 | 70 | 73 | 75 |
| Cons Gold (*1190) | 1150 | 115 | 155 | 195 | 50 | 78 | 100 |
| | 1200 | 75 | 120 | 165 | 85 | 100 | 120 |
| | 1250 | 55 | 95 | – | 105 | 130 | – |
| Courtauld (*269) | 280 | 7 | 16 | 21 | 20 | 22 | 28 |
| | 300 | 3 | 8½ | 13 | 38 | 38 | 43 |
| | 330 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 68 | 68 | 71 |
| Com Union (*322) | 300 | 32 | 40 | 44 | 3 | 10 | 13 |
| | 330 | 10 | 22 | 28 | 15 | 23 | 28 |
| | 360 | 4 | 8 | 17 | 40 | 48 | 50 |
| GKN (*316) | 300 | 23 | 31 | 40 | 5 | 15 | 17 |
| | 330 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 21 | 30 | 33 |
| | 360 | 3 | 6 | 13 | 47 | 52 | 54 |
| Grand Met (*447) | 420 | 39 | 48 | 60 | 3½ | 12 | 16 |
| | 454 | 19 | 27 | – | 18 | 28 | – |
| | 493 | 5½ | 13 | – | 46 | 52 | – |
| ICI (*968) | 950 | 67 | 88 | – | 13 | 33 | – |
| | 1000 | 35 | 58 | – | 32 | 57 | – |
| | 1050 | 16 | 28 | – | 69 | 82 | – |
| | 1100 | 6 | 16 | 36 | 119 | 132 | 132 |
| Jaguar (*268) | 240 | 36 | 42 | 52 | 3½ | 8 | 12 |
| | 260 | 19 | 26 | 38 | 8 | 15 | 22 |
| | 280 | 8 | 16 | 27 | 18 | 27 | 32 |
| Land Sec (*575) | 500 | 85 | 103 | – | 1½ | 4 | – |
| | 550 | 42 | 60 | 72 | 8 | 12 | 18 |
| | 600 | 13 | 30 | 43 | 30 | 33 | 40 |
| M & S (*151) | 140 | 15 | 21 | 24 | 2½ | 5 | 7 |
| | 160 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 12½ | 13½ | 16 |
| | 180 | 1½ | 4 | 6 | 32 | 33 | 33 |
| STC (*258) | 260 | 11 | 18 | 27 | 13 | 17 | 18 |
| | 280 | 5 | 10 | 19 | 28 | 30 | 31 |
| | 300 | 2 | 5 | 13 | 46 | 47 | 46 |
| Sainsbury (*205) | 180 | 29 | 34 | 38 | 1 | 2½ | 6 |
| | 200 | 13 | 20 | 26 | 5 | 9 | 11 |
| | 220 | 5 | 11 | 16 | 18 | 20 | 23 |
| Shell (*992) | 950 | 67 | 85 | 100 | 10 | 28 | 31 |
| | 1000 | 32 | 50 | 70 | 30 | 53 | 55 |
| | 1050 | 14 | 28 | 46 | 67 | 83 | 85 |
| Stanshaw (*217) | 180 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| | 180 | 44 | 49 | 58 | 6 | 10 | 13 |
| | 200 | 28 | 37 | 43 | 13 | 18 | 21 |
| Tratalgar (*313) | 280 | 34 | 38 | – | 3 | 6 | – |
| | 300 | 18 | 24 | 28 | 10 | 16 | 20 |
| | 330 | 4 | 11 | 15 | 32 | 32 | 38 |
| Utd Biec (*289) | 260 | 22 | 28 | 36 | 11 | 14 | 18 |
| | 300 | 14 | 25 | 28 | 20 | 24 | 28 |
| | 330 | 5 | 14 | 18 | 42 | 45 | 48 |
| Ultramar (*252) | 216 | 45 | 50 | – | 5 | 12 | – |
| | 235 | 27 | 36 | – | 11 | 18 | – |
| | 255 | 17 | 28 | – | 22 | 30 | – |
| Woolworth (*261) | 240 | 28 | 38 | 43 | 4 | 8 | 10 |
| | 260 | 15 | 23 | 28 | 9 | 14 | 18 |
| | 280 | 6½ | 14 | 18 | 23 | 28 | 32 |

| | Series | Jan | Apr | Aug | Jan | Apr | Aug |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GEC (*172) | 140 | 35 | 37 | – | 1 | 2 | – |
| | 160 | 18 | 21 | 28 | 3½ | 6½ | 10 |
| | 180 | 6½ | 10 | 14 | 11 | 16 | 18 |

| | Series | Jan | Apr | Jun | Jan | Apr | Jun |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| R-Royce (*130) | 120 | 15 | 20 | – | 2½ | 3½ | – |
| | 130 | 8 | 13 | 14 | 5½ | 7 | 10 |
| | 140 | 3½ | 7½ | 10 | 13 | 13 | 15 |
| TSB (*108) | 100 | 11 | 12 | – | 1 | 3 | – |
| | 110 | 4½ | 6 | 9 | 5½ | 6½ | 8 |
| | 120 | 1 | 3½ | 5½ | 13 | 14 | 14 |

| | Series | Feb | Apr | Jul | Feb | Apr | Jul |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ladbroke (*442) | 390 | 57 | – | – | 2½ | – | – |
| | 420 | 44 | 48 | 55 | 7 | 11 | 15 |
| | 460 | 16 | 23 | 32 | 23 | 28 | 34 |

| | Series | Feb | May | Aug | Feb | May | Aug |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brit Aero (*442) | 420 | 43 | 54 | – | 11 | 18 | – |
| | 460 | 21 | 33 | 46 | 30 | 38 | 42 |
| | 500 | 10 | 17 | 29 | 62 | 65 | 68 |
| BAA (*270) | 260 | 18 | 27 | 36 | 7 | 10 | 13 |
| | 280 | 8 | 17 | 24 | 17 | 20 | 23 |
| | 300 | 4½ | 10 | – | 37 | 37 | – |
| BAT Ind (*436) | 420 | 38 | 47 | 53 | 8 | 15 | 20 |
| | 460 | 14½ | 23 | 32 | 36 | 35 | 38 |
| | 500 | 5½ | 11 | – | 63 | 68 | – |
| Brit Tele (*252) | 220 | 35 | 41 | – | 2 | 5 | – |
| | 240 | 18 | 26 | 30 | 7 | 9 | 14 |
| | 260 | 7½ | 14 | 17 | 17 | 19 | 23 |
| Cadbury (*343) | 330 | 35 | 44 | 57 | 12 | 19 | 24 |
| | 360 | 19 | 27 | 37 | 27 | 34 | 36 |
| | 390 | 11 | 17 | 28 | 53 | 54 | 60 |
| Guinness (*330) | 300 | 40 | 42 | 54 | 3 | 6 | 8 |
| | 330 | 16 | 26 | 34 | 12 | 17 | 18 |
| | 360 | 7 | 10 | 18 | 34 | 36 | 38 |
| LASMO (*469) | 460 | 45 | 62 | 77 | 28 | 37 | 43 |
| | 500 | 28 | 43 | 55 | 50 | 60 | 65 |
| | 550 | 15 | 27 | – | 85 | 92 | – |
| P & O (*552) | 500 | 73 | 82 | – | 4 | 6 | – |
| | 550 | 33 | 43 | 52 | 15 | 26 | 28 |
| | 600 | 14 | 20 | 30 | 53 | 60 | 62 |

| | Series | Calls Nov | Feb | May | Puts Nov | Feb | May |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pilkington (*216) | 200 | 24 | 31 | 33 | 5 | 8 | 10 |
| | 220 | 11 | 18 | 20 | 12 | 15 | 19 |
| | 240 | 4 | 9 | 11 | 27 | 28 | 31 |
| Plessey (*216) | 140 | 77 | 82 | – | ½ | 1 | – |
| | 160 | 57 | 62 | – | 1 | 2 | – |
| | 180 | 40 | 46 | – | 2½ | 6 | – |
| Prudential (*148) | 140 | 15 | 18 | 19 | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| | 160 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 14 | 16 | 17 |
| | 180 | 2 | 4 | – | 33 | 34 | – |
| Racal (*265) | 300 | 7 | 16 | 21 | 41 | 45 | 47 |
| | 330 | 3½ | 9 | – | 67 | 70 | – |
| | 360 | 1½ | 4 | – | 97 | 99 | – |
| RTZ (*442) | 390 | 65 | 80 | – | 7 | 10 | – |
| | 420 | 42 | 59 | 68 | 14 | 19 | 29 |
| | 460 | 21 | 35 | 40 | 30 | 37 | 42 |
| Vaal Reefs (*373) | 60 | 17 | 19 | 20 | 2 | 4 | 5½ |
| | 70 | 8 | 10½ | 12 | 5½ | 8 | 11 |
| | 80 | 4 | 5½ | 7 | 13 | 15 | 17 |

| | Series | Dec | Mar | Jun | Dec | Mar | Jun |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amstrad (*163) | 180 | 4 | 10 | 17 | 23 | 23 | 26 |
| | 200 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 39 | 39 | 40 |
| | 220 | 1 | 2½ | 5 | 58 | 59 | 60 |
| Barclays (*413) | 360 | 55 | – | – | 1 | – | – |
| | 385 | 25 | – | – | 3 | – | – |
| | 425 | 4 | – | – | 28 | – | – |
| Blue Circ (*426) | 460 | 17 | 34 | 40 | 6 | 13 | 24 |
| | 500 | 3 | 15 | 20 | 36 | 40 | 44 |
| | 550 | 1 | 7 | 10 | 78 | 79 | 82 |
| Dixons (*144) | 140 | 5 | 16 | 21 | 5 | 9 | 12 |
| | 160 | 1⅜ | 6 | 11 | 16 | 21 | 24 |
| | 180 | 1 | 4 | – | 38 | 38 | – |
| Glaxo (*1063) | 1050 | 40 | 82 | – | 21 | 39 | – |
| | 1100 | 17 | 65 | 85 | 50 | 64 | 72 |
| | 1150 | 7 | 43 | 72 | 96 | 94 | 100 |
| Hawker (*532) | 500 | 35 | 60 | 70 | 4 | 8 | 17 |
| | 550 | 7 | 30 | 40 | 28 | 33 | 40 |
| | 600 | 2 | 12 | 20 | 78 | 82 | 85 |
| Hillsdown (*259) | 260 | 7 | 18 | 23 | 6 | 10 | 14 |
| | 280 | 1½ | 9 | 13 | 22 | 23 | 25 |
| | 300 | ⅛ | 3 | – | 42 | 43 | – |
| Lonhro (*396) | 360 | 38 | 57 | 68 | 9 | 27 | 36 |
| | 390 | 20 | 40 | 52 | 22 | 44 | 54 |
| | 420 | 9 | 27 | 38 | 45 | 64 | 72 |
| Midland (*410) | 390 | 25 | 38 | 43 | 4 | 12 | 13 |
| | 420 | 9 | 20 | 28 | 18 | 38 | 39 |
| | 450 | 1½ | 8 | 14 | 55 | 69 | 69 |
| Sears (*124) | 120 | 9 | 18 | 19 | 3 | 8½ | 10 |
| | 130 | 5 | 11 | 14¼ | 9 | 12 | 14½ |
| | 140 | 2½ | 8 | 10¾ | 18 | 18½ | 21 |
| THF (*263) | 240 | 26 | 34 | 44 | 2 | 8 | 12 |
| | 260 | 12 | 22 | 33 | 7 | 16½ | 21 |
| | 280 | 4 | 13 | 23 | 28 | 30 | 33 |
| Thorn EMI (*650) | 600 | 57 | 70 | 90 | 3 | 10 | 14 |
| | 650 | 29 | 37 | 57 | 15 | 25 | 32 |
| | 700 | 4 | 16 | 32 | 55 | 72 | 78 |
| Wellcome (*449) | 460 | 11 | 30 | 44 | 18 | 28 | 29 |
| | 500 | 2½ | 14 | 27 | 54 | 56 | 57 |
| | 550 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 104 | 104 | 104 |

| | Series | Dec | Apr | Jul | Dec | Apr | Jul |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boots (*226) | 200 | 24 | 35 | 42 | 1 | 4 | 9 |
| | 220 | 10 | 23 | 30 | 8½ | 12 | 16 |
| | 240 | 3½ | 14 | 20 | 20 | 22 | 25 |

| | Series | Jan | Mar | Jun | Jan | Mar | Jun |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brit Gas (*157) | 140 | 17½ | 20 | 24 | ¾ | 2¼ | 3 |
| | 160 | 3½ | 7 | 11 | 7¾ | 8½ | 9 |
| | 180 | ¾ | 2¼ | 5 | 25 | 25 | 26 |

| | Series | Jan | | Jun | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RHM (*360) | 330 | 38 | – | – | 5 | – | – |
| | 360 | 16 | – | – | 18 | – | – |
| | 390 | 8 | – | – | 43 | – | – |

| | Series | Dec | Mar | Jul | Dec | Mar | Jul |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Beecham (*459) | 420 | 37 | 56 | 69 | 3 | 8 | 15 |
| | 460 | 10 | 29 | 44 | 15 | 22 | 30 |
| | 500 | 1½ | 14 | 25 | 51 | 51 | 56 |
| Unilever (*450) | 420 | 32 | 46 | 59 | 3 | 8 | 15 |
| | 460 | 7 | 23 | 34 | 21 | 28 | 35 |
| | 500 | 1 | 10 | 20 | 55 | 59 | 62 |

| | Series | Dec | Mar | May | Dec | Mar | May |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BTR (*268) | 260 | 29 | 39 | – | 1 | 3 | – |
| | 280 | 12 | 25 | 27 | 4½ | 8½ | 11 |
| | 300 | 4 | 14 | 16 | 17 | 19 | 22 |
| Hanson (*150) | 130 | 21 | 22½ | – | ½ | 1¼ | – |
| | 140 | 11½ | 14 | 17 | 1½ | 3½ | 4¾ |
| | 160 | 1¼ | 4¼ | 6¾ | 14 | 15 | 15½ |
| Tesco (*132) | 130 | 6½ | 14 | 15 | 3½ | 6 | 8 |
| | 140 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 9 | 12 | 14 |
| | 160 | 1 | 2 | 3¼ | 29 | 29 | 29 |

| | Series | Jan | Mar | Jun | Mar |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Enterprise (*505) | 550 | 18 | 37 | – | 50 |
| | 600 | 12 | 25 | – | 95 |
| | 650 | 7 | 15 | – | 140 |
| Scot & Newc (*383) | 390 | 25 | 35 | – | 13 |
| | 420 | 12 | 20 | – | 30 |
| | 460 | 3 | 12 | – | 70 |

| | Series | Nov | Feb | May | Nov | Feb | May |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tr 12½% (*106) | 106 | – | – | – | – | – | ½ |
| | 110 | – | ⅜ | – | 3¼ | 2¾ | – |
| | 112 | ⅛ | ⅛ | – | – | – | – |

FT-SE INDEX (*1794)

| Series | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1700 | 95 | 108 | 115 | 122 | 2 | 8½ | 18 | 22 |
| 1750 | 48 | 65 | 80 | 85 | 5 | 18 | 30 | 35 |
| 1800 | 9 | 35 | 45 | 57 | 19 | 38 | 55 | 58 |
| 1850 | 1 | 14 | 27 | 35 | 63 | 67 | 78 | 83 |
| 1900 | ½ | 6 | 14 | 17 | 115 | 118 | 115 | 122 |
| 1950 | ½ | 3 | 6 | 10 | 165 | 165 | 165 | 170 |

November 25, 1988 Total: 61135 Calls 35585 Puts 14182 FT-SE: Calls 9486 Puts 14182
*Underlying security price.

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| | |
|---|---|
| Apollo Watch Prods | 26 –½ |
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| Swallowfield (145p) | 161 |
| Unt Group | 148 |
| Whitegate Lies P/P | 13½ –½ |

**RIGHTS ISSUES**

| | |
|---|---|
| Britannia N/P | 20 – |
| Goal Pet N/P | 5½ –1 |
| Pavilion N/P | 90 –10 |
| Quadrant N/P | 13 – |
| Remers N/P | 15 – |
| Ryan Hotels N/P | |
| Select N/P | 8 |
| Woodingtons N/P | |

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| No. | Company | Group | Gain or loss |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | DSC | Industrials A-D | |
| 2 | Kwik Save | Foods | |
| 3 | Rolls-Royce (aa) | Motors,Aircraft | |
| 4 | Prowting | Building,Roads | |
| 5 | Parkfield | Industrials L-R | |
| 6 | Wolverhampton & D | Breweries | |
| 7 | Doctus | Industrials A-D | |
| 8 | Triplex Lloyd | Industrials S-Z | |
| 9 | Proudfoot Alexander | Industrials L-R | |
| 10 | Geest | Foods | |
| 11 | More O'Ferrall | Paper,Print,Adv | |
| 12 | Shiloh | Industrials S-Z | |
| 13 | Evode | Chemicals,Plas | |
| 14 | Prop Security | Property | |
| 15 | Coloroll Gp | Industrials A-D | |
| 16 | Manders | Building,Roads | |
| 17 | Advest | Industrials A-D | |
| 18 | Really Useful | Leisure | |
| 19 | Century | Oil,Gas | |
| 20 | Gestetner | Industrials E-K | |
| 21 | Johnston | Industrials E-K | |
| 22 | Lon Scot Bk | Banks,Discount | |
| 23 | Tesco (aa) | Foods | |
| 24 | Assoc Fisheries | Foods | |
| 25 | Crystalate | Electricals | |
| 26 | Capital Radio | Leisure | |
| 27 | Wagon Ind | Industrials S-Z | |
| 28 | Bridgend Gp | Industrials A-D | |
| 29 | WPP | Paper,Print,Adv | |
| 30 | Bridport-Gundry | Industrials A-D | |
| 31 | Bassett Foods | Foods | |
| 32 | Yellowhammer | Paper,Print,Adv | |
| 33 | Bank Of Scotland | Banks,Discount | |
| 34 | Shaftsbury | Property | |
| 35 | Relyon | Industrials L-R | |
| 36 | Waddington (J) | Paper,Print,Adv | |
| 37 | Broken Hill | Industrials A-D | |
| 38 | Gordon Russell | Industrials E-K | |
| 39 | Cityprove | Property | |
| 40 | Black Arrow | Industrials A-D | |
| 41 | BAT (aa) | Tobaccos | |
| 42 | Ayrshire Metal | Industrials A-D | |
| 43 | Clayton Son | Industrials A-D | |
| 44 | Dag Motors | Motors,Aircraft | |

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| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | Weekly Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | |


## BRITISH FUNDS

| 1988 High | Low | Stock | Price | Chge | Int. only yld% | Gross Red. yld% |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

**SHORTS (Under Five Years)**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 102⅝ | 99⅞ | Treas | 11¾% | 1988 | 99⅝ | –¼ | 11.5 | 12.817 |
| 102¾ | 94 | Treas | 10¼% | 1989 | 99 | ●–¼ | 10.5 | 12.366 |
| 102 | 98⅛ | Exch | 10% | 1989 | 98¾ | –¼ | 10.1 | 12.480 |
| 104¼ | 94⅜ | Exch | 10¾% | 1989 | 99¾ | –¼ | 10.4 | 11.899 |
| 101⅜ | 99⅛ | Exch | 11% | 1989 | 99⅝ | –¼ | 11.1 | 12.333 |
| 97⅛ | 92¼ | Treas | 9% | 1989-91 | 93 | –¼ | 10.2 | 10.758 |
| 101¼ | 94 | Treas | C 9¾% | 1989 | 98¾ | –¼ | 9.8 | 12.368 |
| 99⅜ | 85⅝ | Treas | 3% | 1989 | 98⅝ | –¼ | 3.0 | 10.122 |
| 102⅜ | 95⅝ | Treas | 9% | 1990 | 96¾ | –¼ | 9.2 | 10.048 |
| 107⅛ | 101⅜ | Treas | 13¾ | 1990 | 101¾ | –¼ | 12.8 | 11.702 |
| 104¾ | 99¼ | Exch | 11¾ | 1990 | 99¾ | –¼ | 11.0 | 11.578 |
| 107¾ | 101 | Exch | 12¾% | 1990 | 101 | –¼ | 12.3 | 11.661 |
| 99⅜ | 89⅝ | Treas | 3% | 1990 | 96¾ | –¼ | 3.2 | 9.605 |
| 99¾ | 92¼ | Treas | 8¾% | 1987-90 | 95⅛ | ●–¼ | 8.5 | 11.156 |
| 103¾ | 93¾ | Treas | 10% | 1990 | 97¾ | . | 10.2 | 11.447 |
| 91¾ | 87¼ | Exch | 2¼% | 1990 | 87¾ | –¼ | 2.6 | 9.146 |
| 105¾ | 98⅛ | Treas | C 10¾ | 1991 | 98¾ | –¼ | 10.1 | 10.652 |
| 107¼ | 100⅝ | Treas | 11¼% | 1991 | 102¾ | . | 11.6 | 11.416 |
| 99¼ | 87⅞ | Fund | 5¾% | 1987-91 | 90¾ | –¼ | 6.3 | 10.306 |
| 107⅛ | 95¼ | Exch | 11% | 1991 | 98¾ | . | 11.0 | 11.694 |
| 90¾ | 85⅜ | Treas | 3% | 1991 | 86¾ | –¼ | 3.4 | 8.595 |
| 98⅛ | 90⅜ | Treas | 8% | 1951 | 92¾ | ●–¼ | 8.6 | 11.121 |
| 113⅜ | 104¾ | Treas | 12¾% | 1992 | 104¾ | –¼ | 12.1 | 10.941 |
| 104¾ | 97¾ | Treas | 10% | 1992 | 97¾ | . | 10.2 | 10.946 |
| 105⅜ | 98⅝ | Treas | C10¾% | 1992 | 98⅝ | . | 10.8 | 10.949 |
| 86⅜ | 82⅝ | Treas | 3% | 1992 | 82¾ | ●–¼ | 3.5 | 8.499 |
| 98⅜ | 86⅜ | Treas | 8% | 1992 | 91¾ | . | 8.7 | 10.946 |
| 112⅝ | 103⅜ | Exch | 12¾% | 1992 | 103⅜ | –¼ | 11.8 | 10.968 |
| 117⅛ | 107⅜ | Exch | 13¾% | 1992 | 107¾ | . | 12.5 | 10.923 |

**FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 97¾ | 81¾ | Treas | 8¾% | 1992 | 91¾ | . | 8.0 | 10.814 |
| 109¾ | 83⅜ | Treas | 10% | 1993 | 97¾ | –¼ | 10.2 | 10.646 |
| 115⅜ | 106⅜ | Treas | 12¾% | 1993 | 108¾ | –¼ | 11.7 | 10.711 |
| 93 | 86⅝ | Fund | 9% | 1993 | 88¾ | –¼ | 8.8 | 9.256 |
| 121⅜ | 107¾ | Treas | 13¾% | 1993 | 111¾ | –¼ | 12.3 | 10.738 |
| 101⅜ | 91¾ | Treas | 8¾% | 1994 | 91¾ | –¼ | 9.3 | 10.720 |
| 94⅜ | 91⅛ | Treas | 8¾% | 1994 a | 91¾ | . | | |
| 125⅜ | 115⅝ | Treas | 14¼% | 1994 | 115⅝ | . | 12.5 | 10.647 |
| 116⅝ | 107⅜ | Exch | 12¾% | 1994 | 107⅝ | . | 11.8 | 10.748 |
| 120¾ | 105 | Exch | 13¾% | 1994 | 111 | . | 12.1 | 10.779 |
| 101⅜ | 91⅞ | Treas | 9% | 1994 | 93¾ | . | 9.6 | 10.482 |
| 105⅜ | 95⅝ | Treas | 10% | 1993 | 98 | ●–¼ | 10.2 | 10.653 |
| 114⅜ | 105¼ | Treas | 12% | 1995 | 106⅝ | . | 11.3 | 10.983 |
| 83¾ | 78⅛ | Gas | 3% | 1990-95 | 78¾ | . | 3.7 | 8.717 |
| 106⅝ | 98¼ | Exch | 10¾ | 1995 | 98¾ | –¼ | 10.3 | 10.517 |
| 120⅝ | 107⅜ | Treas | 12¾% | 1995 | 111 | . | 11.4 | 10.507 |
| 128⅛ | 116⅝ | Treas | 13% | 1997 | 125¾ | . | 11.9 | 10.542 |
| 101⅜ | 93¾ | Treas | 9% | 1992-96 | 94¾ | . | 9.5 | 10.149 |
| 133⅜ | 117⅜ | Treas | 15¾% | 1996 | 124 | . | 12.2 | 10.468 |
| 122⅜ | 110⅝ | Exch | 13¾% | 1998 | 114¾ | . | 11.5 | 10.387 |
| 105¾ | 95⅞ | Conv | 10% | 1998 | 101 | . | 10.1 | 9.902 |
| 124⅜ | 115 | Treas | 13¾% | 1997 | 115¾ | . | 11.4 | 10.339 |
| 108⅜ | 97⅜ | Exch | 10¾% | 1997 | 101 | . | 10.3 | 10.263 |
| 99⅜ | 91¼ | Treas | 8¾% | 1997 | 92¾ | . | 9.4 | 10.088 |
| 134⅜ | 112⅜ | Exch | 15¾ | 1997 | 125¾ | . | 11.9 | 10.443 |
| 87¾ | 79¾ | Treas | 6¾% | 1995-98 | 82 | . | 8.0 | 9.445 |
| 104 | 95¾ | Exch | 9¾% | 1998 | 97¾ | . | 10.0 | 10.198 |
| 146⅜ | 124¾ | Treas | 15½% | 1998 | 131¾ | . | 11.8 | 10.342 |
| 118⅜ | 107 | Exch | 12% | 2001 | 107¾ | . | 10.8 | 10.242 |
| 103¾ | 95¾ | Treas | 9¾% | 1999 | 97¾ | . | 9.7 | 9.947 |
| 120⅜ | 111⅛ | Exch | 12¾% | 1998 | 112¾ | . | 10.8 | 10.229 |
| 109⅜ | 98¾ | Treas | 10¼% | 1999 | 102¾ | . | 10.2 | 10.094 |
| 107⅝ | 98 | Conv | 10¾% | 2000 | 98¾ | . | 10.7 | 10.062 |
| 100⅜ | 86¾ | Treas | 8¾% | 2000 | 90¾ | . | 9.3 | 9.957 |
| 129⅜ | 117¾ | Treas | 13% | 2000 | 118¾ | . | 10.9 | 10.212 |
| 99⅜ | 92¾ | Conv | 9% | 2000 | 94¾ | . | 9.5 | 9.873 |
| 106⅝ | 98¼ | Treas | 10% | 2001 | 100¾ | . | 9.9 | 9.954 |
| 104¾ | 97¾ | Conv | 9¾% | 2001 | 98¾ | . | 9.8 | 9.912 |
| 129⅜ | 115⅜ | Treas | 14¾ | 1998 | 121¾ | . | 11.5 | 10.406 |
| 99⅜ | 91⅜ | Exch | 10% | 2002 | 91¾ | . | 9.5 | 9.874 |
| 107 | 94⅜ | Conv | 10% | 2002 | 101¾ | . | 9.7 | 9.862 |
| 118¾ | 109⅜ | Exch | 12¾ | 1999 | 110⅝ | . | 10.8 | 10.263 |
| 105⅜ | 97¼ | Treas | 9¼% | 2002 | 99½ | . | 9.7 | 9.804 |

**OVER FIFTEEN YEARS**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 108 | 100⅜ | Treas | 10% | 2000 | 102¾ | –¼ | 9.7 | 9.715 |
| 131½ | 122¼ | Treas | 13¾% | 2000 | 123¾ | –¼ | 11.1 | 10.256 |
| 117¾ | 108⅜ | Treas | 11¼% | 2001 | 110¾ | –¼ | 10.1 | 10.046 |
| 108 | 100⅜ | Treas | 10% | 2004 | 102¾ | –¼ | 9.7 | 9.815 |
| 58⅝ | 54¾ | Fund | 3½% | 1999 | 59 | –¼ | 3.6 | 8.269 |
| 104⅜ | 93¾ | Conv | 9¼% | 2004 | 99¾ | –¼ | 9.5 | 9.555 |
| 104⅜ | 95⅝ | Conv | 9¼% | 2004 | 98¾ | –¼ | 9.5 | 9.532 |
| 113¾ | 105¼ | Exch | 10¾% | 2005 | 108¾ | –¼ | 9.7 | 9.508 |
| 127¾ | 116⅛ | Treas | 12¾% | 2003 | 121¾ | –¼ | 10.3 | 9.794 |
| 92 | 83¾ | Treas | 8% | 2002 | 87¾ | –¼ | 9.8 | 9.408 |
| 108⅜ | 99¼ | Conv | 9¼% | 2006 | 103¾ | –¼ | 9.0 | 9.415 |
| 123⅜ | 112¾ | Treas | 11¾% | 2003 | 116¾ | –¼ | 10.2 | 9.784 |
| 97 | 89¾ | Treas | 8½% | 2007 | 93¾ | –¼ | 9.1 | 9.261 |
| 137¾ | 127¾ | Treas | 13¾% | 2004 | 130 | . | 10.3 | 9.768 |
| 101⅜ | 91¼ | Treas | 9% | 2008 | 96¾ | . | 9.1 | 9.195 |
| 92⅜ | 85 | Treas | 8% | 2009 | 86¾ | . | 8.9 | 9.156 |
| 101⅞ | 92⅜ | Conv | 9% | 2011 | 96 | . | 9.0 | 9.073 |
| 89⅜ | 82⅝ | Treas | 5½% | 2008-12 | 87¾ | . | 6.3 | 8.967 |
| 89⅜ | 82⅝ | Treas | 7¾% | 2012-15 | 87¾ | . | 8.8 | 8.967 |
| 131¾ | 121¾ | Exch | 12¾ | 2013-17 | 128⅝ | ●–¼ | 9.3 | 9.080 |

**UNDATED**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 44⅛ | 41 | Consols | 4% | | 44⅛ | . | 8.9 | |
| 40⅜ | 37¾ | War Ln | 3½% | | 39¾ | ● | 8.7 | |
| 36⅜ | 33¾ | Conv | 3½% | | 34¾ | . | 8.7 | |
| 33⅜ | 30⅝ | Treas | 3% | | 33⅜ | . | 9.1 | |
| 28⅝ | 26 | Consols | 2½% | | 27¾ | . | 8.9 | |
| 28⅝ | 26 | Treas | | | 27¾ | . | 8.92 | |

**INDEX-LINKED**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 124⅝ | 117¾ | Treas IL | 2½% | 1990 | 122¾ | –¼ | | |
| 105¾ | 99 | Treas IL | 2½% | 1992 | 104 | –¼ | | |
| 96⅜ | 92¾ | Treas IL | 2½% | 1994 | 95¾ | –¼ | | |
| 142 | 127¾ | Treas IL | 2½% | 1996 | 140 | –¼ | | |

## BANKS, DISCOUNT HP

| 1988 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Chge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 373 | 188 | Allied Irish | 242 | 246 | –2 | | | |
| 314 | 155 | Anglo Lesney | 194 | 201 | ●–7 | 33 | 27 | 164 |
| 365 | 214 | Antocher (Henry) | 80 | 84 | –1 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 7.5 |
| 289 | 124 | Aust New Z | 256 | 260 | +5 | 27 | 33 | 356 |
| 197½ | 5½ | Bankgesellschaft | 1.93 | | | | | |
| 274 | 184 | Bank of Ireland | 235 | 240 | ●–3 | | | |
| 78½ | 78 | Bank Leumi Israel | 19 | 19½ | | | | |
| 359 | 346 | Bank Leumi UK | 340 | 350 | | 16.8 | 4.8 | 11.5 |
| 388 | 334 | Bank Of Scotland | 359 | 363 | –3 | 17.6 | 5.0 | 8.1 |
| 58 | 46 | Bank Of Wales | 58 | 60 | | 3.7 | 6.0 | 8.9 |
| 452 | 362 | Barclays (aa) | 411 | 414 | –5 | 23.9 | 5.8 | 10.3 |
| 423 | 360 | Brit-Arab | 360 | 370 | ●–5 | 22.0 | 5.9 | 10.0 |
| 1½ | 1 | Brown Shipley | 1.43 | 1.50 | | 14.0 | 4.8 | 13.0 |
| 77 | 45 | Bus Mortgage | 47 | 52 | –1 | | | |
| 364 | 318 | Cater Allen | 342 | 350 | –1 | 20.0 | 5.7 | 11.9 |
| 71 | 54 | Cedar | 61 | 63½ | –½ | 4.3 | 6.9 | 11.8 |
| 270 | 179 | Chancery | 225 | 235 | –5 | 8.9 | 3.9 | 13.5 |
| 189 | 113 | Chase Manhattan | 154 | | | | | |
| 154 | 94 | Citicorp | 131 | | –½ | | | |
| 200 | 162 | Close Bros | 180 | 192 | | 9.7 | 5.6 | 17.6 |
| 81¼ | 66¾ | Commerzbank | 107¼ | | –½ | | | |
| 176 | 114½ | Deutsche Bank | 116¾ | | –½ | | | |
| 38 | 24 | Egerton & Sim | 29 | 32 | ●–1 | 1.9 | 6.1 | 9.5 |
| 218 | 164 | First Nat Finance | 209 | 222 | –2 | 12.5 | 5.8 | 7.1 |
| 74 | 46 | GPG | 47 | 51 | | 2.3 | 4.6 | 8.4 |
| 365 | 285 | Gerrard Nat | 323 | 333 | ●–1 | 24.0 | 8.8 | 15.2 |
| 134 | 98 | Guinness Mahon | 131 | 133 | –1 | 7.2 | 5.4 | 16.3 |
| 265 | 217 | Hambros | 221 | 232 | | 12.0 | 5.4 | 9.7 |
| 52 | 42 | HK Shanghai | 44 | 44½ | | 3.3 | 7.7 | |
| 500 | 413 | Jardin (Leasing) | 500 | 515 | | 17.8 | 3.5 | 21.1 |
| 138 | 130½ | King & Shaxson | 130 | 136 | ● | 12.3 | 9.2 | 13.4 |
| 369 | 313 | Kleinwort Benson | 347 | 357 | –5 | 16.7 | 5.0 | 7.6 |
| 349½ | 336 | Lloyds (aa) | 329 | 332 | –9 | 18.8 | 5.8 | |
| 57 | 45 | Lon Scot Bk | 43 | 46 | –1 | 2.5 | 5.5 | 11.7 |
| 448 | 370 | Midland (aa) | 409 | 411 | –3 | 26.0 | 6.3 | |
| 334 | 236 | Morgan Grenfell | 230 | 234 | –6 | 14.5 | 6.0 | 27.3 |
| 311 | 168 | Nat Aust Bk | 305 | 317 | –1 | | | |
| 805 | 582 | Nat West (aa) | 536 | 539 | –10 | 33.7 | 6.3 | 9.4 |

## STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

# Substantial falls

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 14. Dealings end today. §Contango day November 28. Settlement day December 5. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

**Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks.**


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**ACCUMULATOR £12,000**

Claims better than 136 points

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## BREWERIES

| 1988 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Chge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 499 | 392 | Allied-Lyons (aa) | 456 | 460 | –½ | 17.3 | 3.8 | 13.7 |
| 867 | 734 | Bass (aa) | 777 | 782 | –20 | 29.9 | 3.4 | 11.7 |
| 66 | 44 | Belhaven | 53 | 53 | –½ | 1.8 | 3.4 | 20.5 |
| 178 | 127 | Bulmer (H P) | 156 | 160 | –1 | 5.4 | 3.3 | 17.0 |
| 395 | 330 | Burtonwood Brew | 368 | 378 | ● –4 | 9.3 | 2.5 | 23.6 |
| 465 | 382 | Dan Matthews | 465 | 465 | –5 | 14.3 | 3.1 | 11.0 |
| 371 | 282 | Devenish (JA) | 350 | 360 | –5 | 10.1 | 2.8 | 28.7 |
| 260 | 176 | Greenall Whitley | 238 | 246 | –4 | 8.5 | 3.5 | 14.5 |
| 494 | 433 | Greene King | 445 | 455 | –4 | 9.9 | 2.2 | 20.0 |
| 357 | 291 | Guinness (aa) | 333 | 337 | –5 | 12.9 | 3.9 | 16.9 |
| 540 | 480 | Hardys & Hansons | 500 | 520 | | 18.0 | 3.6 | 15.1 |
| 138 | 76 | Highland Dist | 126 | 128 | | 3.8 | 3.0 | 18.9 |
| 415 | 388 | Invergordon Dist | 406 | 416 | | 8.3 | 2.1 | 24.4 |
| 440 | 338 | Irish Dist | 378 | 388 | | | | |
| 187 | 110 | Matthew Thompson | 166 | 168 | –1 | 4.0 | 2.4 | 18.8 |
| 683 | 484 | Morland | 650 | 660 | –2 | 12.1 | 1.8 | 11.2 |
| 366 | 258 | SA Breweries | 278 | 286 | | | | |
| 411 | 306 | Scot & Newc (aa) | 382 | 383 | –½ | 12.2 | 3.1 | 19.3 |
| 732 | 479 | Vaux Group | 716 | 726 | –8 | 21.6b | 3.0 | 22.1 |

## BUILDING, ROADS

| 1988 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Chge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 233 | 200 | Abbey | 195 | 205 | –15 | | | 78 |
| 400 | 315 | Amec | 364 | 365 | ●–5 | 19.3 | 5.4 | 10.1 |
| 457 | 331 | Anglo Soc | 375 | 380 | –18 | 34.0 | 9.0 | 234 |
| 54 | 35 | Anglo Utd | 43 | 45 | –2 | 3.3 | 7.3 | 10.6 |
| 296 | 246 | Arlington | 265 | 275 | –5 | 9.3 | 3.1 | 16.5 |
| 335 | 247 | Ashworth | 268 | 275 | –9 | 9.3 | 3.1 | 16.5 |
| 310 | 238 | BPB Ind (aa) | 242 | 244 | –9 | 12.2 | 4.7 | 8.4 |
| 472 | 320 | Bagenalls Black | 320 | 330 | –5 | 20.0 | 6.1 | 8.2 |
| 107 | 53 | Bailey (Geo) Constr | 95 | 99 | ●–7 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 7.7 |
| 216 | 156 | Barratt Devs | 171 | 173 | –11 | 14.9 | 8.7 | 9.1 |
| 212 | 161 | Blakeley | 212 | 214 | ●–15 | 19.3 | 9.0 | 8.2 |
| 115 | 84 | Bellwinch | 92 | 97 | –4 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 8.2 |
| 364 | 249 | Berkeley Gp | 246 | 252 | –25 | 47 | 19 | 9.5 |
| 123 | 83 | Bett Bros | 100 | 110 | –4 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 24.2 |
| 426 | 320 | Blockleys | 380 | 390 | –15 | 27 | 7.1 | 10.3 |
| 474 | 406 | Blue Circle (aa) | 428 | 430 | –15 | 27.5 | 6.4 | 10.0 |
| 398 | 318 | Boot (Henry) | 378 | 382 | –8 | 20.0 | 5.2 | 9.1 |
| 235 | 64 | Brewton PLC | 112 | 118 | –2 | 4.6 | 3.8 | 27.4 |
| 170 | 110 | Br Dredging | 115 | 125 | –2 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 26.1 |
| 157 | 102 | Br Polythene | 113 | 116 | ●–2 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 9.2 |
| 166 | 112 | CALA | 136 | 140 | –1 | 3.7 | 2.7 | 9.8 |
| 144 | 110 | CRH | 138 | 140 | | | | |
| 135 | 104 | Calednead Rotary | 126 | 128 | | 5.1 | 3.8 | 23.4 |
| 358 | 258 | Caradon | 345 | 347 | –10 | 19.7 | 5.2 | 12.8 |
| 140 | 69 | Church Charles | 88 | 92 | –4 | 3.7 | 5.2 | 6.7 |
| 411 | 195 | Conder Gp | 396 | 410 | ●–15 | 8.7 | 2.2 | 33.6 |
| 259 | 172 | Costain PLC | 180 | 182 | –3 | 8.7 | 2.2 | 22.5 |
| 231 | 178 | Costain | 211 | 213 | –12 | 14.0 | 4.5 | 12.8 |
| 317 | 203 | Countryside | 296 | 298 | –10 | 20.0 | 4.2 | 12.7 |
| 231 | 178 | Crest Nicholson | 198 | 202 | –6 | 9.3 | 2.3 | 9.6 |
| 129 | 72 | Dandy James | 74 | 76 | –3 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 7.1 |
| 313 | 228 | Douglas (WM) | 253 | 258 | –4 | 5.7a | 1.9 | 14.7 |
| 41 | 23 | Edmonds Hldgs | 35½ | 37½ | –1 | 1.5 | 4.1 | 17.2 |
| 111 | 78 | Eosh | 90 | 92 | –3 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 10.2 |
| 308 | 175 | Fastersteel Hsg | 267 | 271 | –11 | 17.7 | 7.2 | 9.6 |
| 98 | 75 | Finlan Gp | 75 | 80 | ●–7 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 11.1 |
| 76 | 58 | Galliford | 67 | 70 | ●–3 | 4.3 | 6.2 | 11.9 |
| 265 | 210 | Gibbs & Dandy Ord | 250 | 260 | | 9.3 | 3.6 | 14.0 |
| 515 | 385 | Glasgow (MJ) | 500 | 510 | –10 | 10.9 | 1.8 | 14.3 |
| 255 | 185 | Harrison Ind | 183 | 193 | –7 | 9.1 | 4.8 | 8.8 |
| 128 | 91 | Hawtin-Stuart | 114 | 116 | ●–4 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 11.8 |
| 320 | 268 | Heywood Williams | 284 | 288 | –12 | 13.3 | 4.6 | 9.7 |
| 380 | 291 | Hopk & Hill | 342 | 342 | ●–12 | 13.3 | 3.9 | 10.5 |
| 91 | 67 | How Gp | 74 | 78 | –1 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 9.2 |
| 69 | 49 | Howard Hldgs | 47 | 50 | –1 | 2.3 | 4.6 | 9.8 |
| 202 | 141 | Hunting Johnson | 149 | 153 | –10 | 6.0 | 4.0 | 9.2 |
| 168 | 86½ | James (J) & Sons | 160 | 165 | –10 | | | |
| 358 | 270 | Laing (J) | 290 | 294 | –11 | 10.7 | 3.7 | 8.6 |
| 179 | 111 | Lawrence (Walter) | 161 | 171 | ●–4 | 7.3 | 5.6 | 8.2 |
| 39 | 28 | Lilley (FJG) | 31 | 32½ | –½ | 0.7 | 2.2 | 11.3 |
| 209 | 165 | Lovell (Y J) | 213 | 217 | –4 | 9.0 | 3.3 | 10.6 |
| 204 | 165 | Magnet (aa) | 182 | 184 | –2 | 9.7 | 5.0 | 11.5 |
| 224 | 147 | Mainfort | 215 | 223 | –12 | 7.3 | 4.8 | 11.5 |
| 180 | 126 | Marley | 147 | 149 | –12 | 7.3 | 4.8 | 11.5 |
| 243 | 223 | Marshalls (Halifax) | 233 | 243 | –10 | 10.0 | 4.3 | 11.5 |
| 133 | 78 | Maunders (J) | 98 | 102 | ●–6 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 8.3 |
| 208 | 168 | McAlpine (Alfred) | 198 | 202 | –10 | 11.5 | 5.8 | 8.1 |
| 407 | 295 | McKechnie & S | 395 | 399 | –13 | 20.0 | 5.0 | 11.1 |
| 439 | 341 | Meyer Int | 386 | 396 | –13 | 14.8 | 3.8 | 10.3 |
| 240 | 56 | Miller (Stanley) | 197 | 203 | ●–6 | 2.0 | 1.0 | |
| 438 | 347 | Mowlem (John) | 397 | 404 | ●–15 | 22.7 | 5.5 | 9.5 |
| 88 | 70 | NSM | 70 | 73 | | | | |
| 18 | 9 | Newarthill | 17½ | 18½ | | 1.7 | 1.0 | 45.2 |
| 185 | 166 | Newman Tonks | 170 | 175 | | 10.5 | 6.1 | 12.6 |
| 184 | 166 | Parsonson | 175 | 180 | –4 | 10.5 | 5.8 | 11.6 |
| 1½ | 1 | Pearce Trevor | 1½ | 2 | | | | |
| 980 | 715 | Pochins | 945 | 975 | ●–15 | 25.3 | 2.6 | 9.3 |
| 194 | 172 | Prowting | 181 | 184 | –2 | 4.5 | 2.5 | 11.3 |
| 520 | 425 | RMC Gp (aa) | 500 | 504 | –10 | 16.1 | 3.2 | 11.3 |
| 111 | 78 | Raine Ind | 86 | 88 | –1 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 10.1 |
| 151 | 94 | Redland (aa) | 117 | 119 | –1 | 17.1 | 4.1 | 9.7 |
| 265 | 175 | Rugby Group | 238 | 242 | –10 | 9.9 | 4.1 | 20.7 |
| 146 | 111 | Ryarsh | 135 | 138 | –2 | 6.0 | 4.3 | 9.2 |
| 111 | 84 | Sheffield Brick | 84 | 86 | | 3.0 | 3.5 | 9.2 |
| 312 | 173 | Shanks & Mcnaughton | 300 | 304 | –4 | 9.5 | 3.1 | 18.9 |
| 153 | 111 | Smart (J) | 127 | 132 | | 7.7 | 5.8 | 10.2 |
| 392 | 276 | Stanley | 331 | 335 | ●–12 | 13.3 | 4.0 | 11.6 |
| 294 | 231 | Tarmac | 231 | 233 | –5 | 12.0 | 5.1 | 9.6 |
| 422 | 266 | Tay Homes | 345 | 354 | –4 | 10.7 | 3.1 | 7.4 |
| 368 | 351 | Taylor Woodrow (aa) | 354 | 357 | –15 | 14.7 | 4.2 | 22.1 |
| 483 | 233 | Tilbury Group | 345 | 350 | –5 | 12.8 | 3.6 | 11.8 |
| 168 | 152 | Tilcon Perkins | 160 | 162 | –1 | 6.2 | 3.8 | 11.2 |
| 295 | 206 | Tomkins | 251 | 254 | –10 | 15.1 | 5.9 | 11.3 |
| 265 | 235 | Redland (James) | 247 | 249 | ●–10 | 15.1 | 6.0 | 8.9 |
| 215 | 205 | Tysons | 210 | 214 | –½ | 9.3 | 4.3 | 12.5 |
| 185 | 111 | Wimpeam | 155 | 160 | –5 | 6.1 | 3.8 | 14.1 |
| 192 | 136 | Ward Group | 177 | 182 | –6 | 8.1 | 4.4 | 10.1 |
| 197 | 96 | Ward Hldgs | 96 | 105 | –5 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 14.5 |
| 333 | 251 | Watts Blake | 323 | 330 | ●–5 | 9.0 | 2.7 | 15.5 |
| 262 | 202 | Westbury | 243 | 248 | –4 | 9.9 | 3.7 | 9.9 |
| 262 | 151 | Wiggins | 232 | 237 | –7 | 8.7 | 3.6 | 11.6 |
| 143 | 110 | William Bowden | 122 | 127 | –2 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 9.9 |
| 195 | 156 | Wilson (Connelly) | 185 | 195 | –5 | 7.3 | 3.8 | 12.5 |
| 265 | 219 | Wimpey G (aa) | 242 | 244 | –½ | 10.3 | 4.2 | 10.2 |
| 129 | 105 | YRM | 112 | 116 | –2 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 10.2 |

## CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

| 1988 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Chge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 144 | 106 | Allied Colloids | 119 | 121 | –½ | 3.1 | 2.6 | 13.5 |
| 627 | 441 | Associated | 500 | 504 | ●–10 | 13.7 | 2.7 | 16.6 |
| 159 | 120 | BTR | 133 | 140 | | 8.3 | 6.1 | 14.5 |
| 99½ | 79½ | Bayer DM50 | 98 | 98½ | | | | |
| 201 | 148 | Bespak | 184 | 188 | | 10.5 | 5.3 | 12.3 |
| 166 | 118 | Brent Chems | 121 | 124 | ●–1 | 7.1b | 5.8 | 11.2 |
| 243 | 169 | Courtaug (W) | 221 | 224 | ●–4 | 7.3 | 3.3 | 11.4 |
| 343 | 282 | Croda | 328 | 332 | ●–4 | 13.1 | 3.9 | 12.3 |
| 258 | 203 | Crodx Brox | 253 | 257 | ●–4 | 10.5 | 3.6 | 9.6 |
| 213 | 173 | Croda | 188 | 189 | ●–2 | 12.5 | 6.9 | 11.9 |
| 184 | 138 | Elks & Everard | 165 | 169 | ●–2 | 7.5 | 4.5 | 12.7 |
| 34 | 21 | European Colour | 23 | 24 | | 1.3 | 5.4 | 10.6 |
| 182 | 152 | Fenix | 178 | 181 | ●–2 | 6.2 | 3.4 | 15.0 |
| 295 | 206 | Fosseco | 251 | 254 | ●–10 | 15.1 | 6.0 | 11.3 |
| 255 | 235 | Halstead (James) | 247 | 247 | ●–10 | 11.0 | 4.5 | 8.9 |
| 225 | 206 | Hickson | 216 | 218 | –½ | 11.3 | 5.2 | 12.5 |
| 98½ | 78½ | Hoechst DM50 | 94½ | 95 | | | | |
| 111 | 947 | Imp Chem Ind (aa) | 685 | 690 | –18½ | 57.3 | 5.6 | 8.4 |
| 439 | 350 | Laporte (aa) | 368 | 369 | –4 | 16.8 | 4.3 | 12.1 |
| 257 | 157 | Lindo | 194 | 210 | –5 | 7.5 | 3.5 | 17.2 |
| 5¾ | 5¼ | Norsk Hydro | 7.85 | | | | | |
| 183 | 131 | Pyrus | 156 | 156 | –3 | 3.1 | 1.9 | 17.5 |
| 295 | 240 | Robinson Hldgs | 270 | 280 | –5 | 8.8 | 3.1 | 20.5 |
| 205 | 156 | Rotblat | 178 | 182 | –4 | 4.7 | 2.5 | 14.9 |
| 171 | 100 | Satchfe Speakman | 115 | 125 | –5 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 14.6 |
| 365 | 270 | Wickhambrook Rck | 306 | 310 | +5 | 16.3 | 4.8 | 13.9 |
| 275 | 213 | Yorkshire Chem | 247 | 250 | –6 | 10.7 | 4.3 | 11.0 |
| 141 | 108 | Yule Catto | 112 | 117 | –1 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 13.2 |

## DRAPERY, STORES

| 1988 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Chge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 483 | 337 | Alexon | 335 | 338 | –5 | 10.7 | 3.2 | 10.6 |
| 78 | 21 | Amber Day | 43 | 45 | –½ | | | |
| 34 | 20 | Associated Fin 'A' | 27 | 29 | | 1.0 | 3.5 | 12.5 |
| 100 | 80 | Ashley (Laura) | 96 | 98 | –1 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 11.7 |
| 366 | 330 | Austin Reed | 350 | 352 | | 11.3 | 3.1 | 22.5 |
| 171 | 118 | Bentax (James) 'A' | 156 | 158 | | 5.5 | 3.5 | 15.4 |
| 202 | 149 | Bernards | 171 | 174 | –3 | 4.2 | 2.5 | 23.7 |
| 17½ | 10½ | Blacks Leis | 17½ | 17

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| Gilt & Fixed | 113.7 | 120.7c | -0.3 | 8.29 |
| Hi Inc Equity | 122.3 | 130.0e | +1.0 | 4.56 |
| Worldwide Bd | 107.3 | 114.0e | -0.1 | 4.66 |
| Armoured Cat | 135.8 | 145.1 | +0.2 | 1.34 |
| Asian Pacific | 84.92 | 89.45c | +0.09 | 1.45 |
| Assets & Earns | 141.5 | 151.4e | +0.2 | 1.98 |
| Capital Res | 61.61 | 61.78 | +0.06 | 4.65 |
| Comm Energy | 87.18 | 93.21 | +1.29 | 0.28 |
| Euro Capital | 73.62 | 78.74 | +0.58 | 0.05 |
| General | 134.4 | 154.3 | +2.5 | 2.74 |
| Japan | 95.56 | 102.2 | .. | 0.00 |
| UK Gtn Inc | 118.7 | 127.0e | -0.1 | 1.97 |
| Do Acc | 177.0 | 189.4e | .. | 1.25 |
| US Emerg Co | 97.45 | 49.05 | -0.7 | 0.00 |
| Income Gth | 257.2 | 273.7e | +2.0 | 3.47 |
| Master Acc | 71.12 | 76.07 | +0.27 | 1.95 |
| American Inc | 40.77 | 43.61 | .. | 5.28 |
| Emcst Tst | 44.17 | 46.98 | +0.14 | 2.66 |

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| Americph | 37.21 | 39.58 | +0.16 | 2.29 |
| Australian | 22.70 | 24.15 | +0.27 | 1.43 |
| Euro Tst | 37.15 | 39.57 | +0.17 | 1.25 |
| Extra Inc | 36.95 | 41.34e | +0.21 | 5.32 |
| Fund Invest | 101.1 | 107.5 | -0.2 | 2.43 |
| Do Acc | 154.1 | 163.8 | -0.4 | 2.44 |
| Gt/Fixd Interest | 92.39 | 93.66c | -0.05 | 10.03 |
| Global Income | 34.88 | 37.19e | +0.29 | 6.18 |
| Income Growth | 65.99 | 70.20e | +0.35 | 4.30 |
| Japan Gen | 166.3 | 179.1 | +1.2 | 0.01 |
| N Amer Inc | 24.08 | 25.56e | +0.08 | 4.25 |
| Special Sits | 83.84 | 87.91e | +0.34 | 1.29 |
| UK Growth | 31.72 | 33.67e | +0.12 | 4.01 |
| World Gth | 39.36 | 41.78e | +0.19 | 0.54 |

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| High Income | 293.7 | 312.7 | .. | 4.98 |
| Equity Inc | 170.9 | 181.9 | .. | 5.40 |
| High Yield | 173.0 | 184.2e | .. | 5.49 |
| Balanced | 417.4 | 444.5c | .. | 3.20 |
| Amer Inc | 26.57 | 28.40 | .. | 4.61 |
| World Ass Val | 28.00 | 29.82 | .. | 0.87 |
| Japan | 158.8 | 158.5 | .. | 0.00 |
| Sec of Amer | 166.8 | 177.8e | .. | 0.95 |
| Asset Value | 330.5 | 352.0e | +2.8 | 3.50 |
| O'seas Earn | 215.1 | 229.0 | .. | 3.08 |
| Recovery | 101.1 | 108.8e | .. | 2.04 |
| UK Spec Sits | 259.8 | 276.6 | .. | 3.21 |
| Smlr Co | 165.7 | 176.4 | .. | 2.00 |
| Capital | 247.5 | 263.6e | .. | 2.87 |
| Amer Spec Sit | 57.70 | 61.5 | .. | 1.92 |
| International | 91.01 | 96.92 | .. | 1.07 |
| Growth & Inc | 148.5 | 156.2e | .. | 3.70 |
| Euro Gth | 18.44 | 19.63 | .. | 1.27 |
| Pacific | 22.59 | 23.8 | .. | 0.29 |
| 2nd Smlr Co | 181.5 | 193.2 | .. | 2.13 |

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| Capital | 78.99 | 85.32 | +0.17 | 3.32 |
| Euro Gth Inc | 85.56 | 89.93 | +0.72 | 0.56 |
| Extra Income | 95.44 | 101.9e | +0.15 | 7.37 |
| General | 169.7 | 181.0 | +0.3 | 3.29 |
| Gilt & Fixed Inc | 92.89 | 94.53e | +0.01 | 9.64 |
| Income Tst | 406.6 | 436.9 | +0.3 | 3.99 |

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Tel: 01-658 9002

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| American EVS | 53.59 | 56.87e | +0.10 | 1.40 |
| Australia | 82.41 | 87.14e | +0.27 | 0.00 |
| Eastern | 74.22 | 80.02 | +0.12 | 1.10 |
| Equity Inc | 68.09 | 72.25e | +0.32 | 5.30 |
| Europe | 125.4 | 133.1e | +0.6 | 1.45 |
| Exempt Tst | 57.17 | 58.34 | +0.45 | 3.10 |
| Growth & Inc | 76.01 | 80.65 | +0.46 | 2.76 |
| Do Acc | 120.0 | 127.3 | +0.7 | 2.76 |
| Global Gth | 69.38 | 73.61e | +0.40 | 1.10 |
| Japan Spec | 150.0 | 160.0 | -0.2 | 0.00 |
| Japan Sun | 141.9 | 151.4 | -0.2 | 0.00 |
| First Europe | 117.3 | 124.5 | +0.7 | 1.20 |
| First Japan | 165.5 | 176.9 | -0.1 | 0.00 |
| First N Amer | 41.03 | 43.54 | +0.04 | 1.00 |
| First Smlr Co | 90.71 | 96.25e | +0.22 | 1.40 |
| N Amer Spec | 36.79 | 41.16 | +0.37 | 0.60 |
| UK Growth | 34.61 | 36.71 | +0.14 | 4.07 |
| Select Man Fd | 45.83 | 49.59 | +0.10 | 2.00 |

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| Financial | 148.3 | 158.3 | -0.5 | 3.94 |
| Smlr Co Acc | 299.4 | 315.1e | +0.9 | 0.90 |
| Do Inc | 163.7 | 199.3e | +0.5 | 1.29 |
| High Income | 94.2 | 99.1e | +0.1 | 7.57 |
| Income | 92.73 | 98.24e | +0.13 | 5.30 |
| Man Portfl Inc | 86.97 | 92.84 | -0.21 | 2.84 |
| Do Acc | 147.7 | 157.7 | -0.4 | 2.20 |
| Nth American | 44.42 | 47.52 | +0.33 | 0.25 |
| Orient | 101.0 | 108.1e | .. | 0.00 |
| Exempt | 265.3 | 284.1e | -0.2 | 2.78 |
| Recovery | 64.92 | 69.45e | +0.19 | 1.81 |
| German | 24.22 | 25.80e | +0.04 | 1.60 |
| Int Recov | 24.79 | 26.54e | +0.07 | 1.70 |
| Europe | 16.41 | 17.52 | +0.12 | 3.69 |
| Conv General | 24.57 | 25.76e | +0.01 | 6.89 |

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| Emer Gth Fd Inc | 61.84 | 65.61 | +0.35 | 1.89 |
| Smr Gth Fd Ac | 62.73 | 66.1 | +0.34 | 0.00 |
| Fellowship Inc | 58.93 | 62.32 | -0.04 | 1.35 |
| General Inc 4 | 271.2 | 288.3c | -0.2 | 2.63 |
| Do Acc 4 | 448.7 | 476.1 | +0.1 | 2.63 |
| Income Fd 3 | 142.8 | 151.5e | +0.9 | 5.19 |
| Do Acc 3 | 272.9 | 289.5 | -1.7 | 4.00 |
| Int Income 2 | 103.3 | 107.2 | -1.2 | 1.77 |
| Do Acc 2 | 140.0 | 148.1 | -0.2 | 1.77 |
| Smlr Inc 5 | 101.1 | 107.3 | .. | 1.28 |
| Do Acc | 109.9 | 116.8 | .. | 1.28 |

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| Growth | 34.47 | 36.97e | +0.28 | 2.76 |
| Income | 43.61 | 46.64e | +0.39 | 4.46 |
| Far East | 28.75 | 30.56e | +0.03 | 0.21 |
| North American | 25.04 | 26.72e | +0.22 | 0.77 |
| Global | 42.62 | 45.34 | +0.29 | 0.76 |
| European | 42.15 | 44.84 | +0.27 | 1.49 |
| Japan | 98.56 | 92.08 | -0.35 | 0.01 |
| Strategic Opp | 51.43 | 55.01 | +0.28 | 1.36 |
| Do Acc | 48.24 | 51.27e | .. | 2.65 |
| Intl Currency | 48.79 | 46.39e | -0.02 | 6.00 |

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| Capital | 408.3 | 433.6 | -2.1 | 3.13 |
| European S S | 51.74 | 55.21 | +0.11 | 2.94 |
| Far East S S | 51.28 | 54.73 | +0.17 | 0.86 |
| Gold Gen S S | 53.23 | 56.80 | +0.92 | 2.05 |
| Income | 350.0 | 373.5 | -0.8 | 5.19 |
| Intl Sp Sits | 48.74 | 52.01 | +0.16 | 2.82 |
| Amer Index | 93.88 | 98.81 | -1.17 | 2.02 |

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| Investment | 481.1 | .. | .. | 4.61 |
| Fixed Int | 145.1 | .. | .. | 9.66 |
| Deposit | 100.0 | .. | .. | 11.40 |
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| Acc | 5133.51 | | .. | |
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| Dragon Gth | 23.45 | 24.95 | +0.27 | 1.80 |
| Equity Hi Inc | 57.26 | 60.42e | -0.03 | 5.49 |
| Do Acc | 64.70 | 61.85 | -0.08 | 5.49 |
| European Gth | 26.34 | 28.02e | +0.08 | 1.26 |
| Gen Equity | 48.01 | 50.67 | -0.02 | 3.26 |
| G/F Intnl Gth | 33.40 | 35.67 | -0.03 | 7.31 |
| Gilt & Fixed Int | 24.47 | 25.69 | -0.05 | 8.87 |
| Growth & Inc | 21.28 | 22.63e | +0.01 | 4.01 |
| Japan Gth | 49.78 | 51.89 | -0.03 | 0.00 |
| Pedgree Gth | 28.87 | 30.71 | -0.03 | 2.63 |
| Special Sits | 35.78 | 38.07 | -0.25 | 2.21 |
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| Do Acc | 56.4 | 60.0e | .. | 3.02 |
| Income Inc | 55.14 | 58.66e | .. | 4.00 |
| Do Acc | 58.21 | 61.53e | .. | 4.00 |
| Worldwide Inc | 42.59 | 45.55 | .. | 0.34 |
| Do Acc | 43.2 | 46.2 | .. | 0.34 |
| Gamma Inc | 35.99 | 38.18 | .. | 1.53 |
| Do Acc | 36.06 | 38.36 | .. | 1.53 |
| Amer Gth | 47.05 | 50.05 | .. | 0.56 |
| Euro Gth | 56.53 | 60.46e | .. | 0.57 |
| Far East | 64.31 | 68.44 | .. | 0.00 |
| Gilt & Fd Int | 46.80 | 49.31 | .. | 6.05 |
| World Bond | 47.72 | 50.50 | .. | 5.30 |
| Private Inv Pf | 47.79 | 50.30e | .. | 2.88 |
| Prudnce Inv Pf | 49.55 | 52.71e | .. | 2.95 |
| Progres Inv Pf | 49.55 | 52.71e | .. | 0.85 |
| **CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD** | | | | |
| Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033 | | | | |
| Amer Tst | 97.71 | 103.9 | .. | 0.96 |
| Canadian Gth | 19.13 | 20.57e | .. | 2.05 |
| European Tst | 97.9 | 103.3 | .. | 0.50 |
| Growth Tst | 269.1 | 286.3 | .. | 3.03 |
| High Income | 324.3 | 345.0e | .. | 4.72 |
| Intl Tech Tst | 103.8 | 110.4 | .. | 1.08 |
| Investment | 25.59 | 28.59xu | .. | 0.09 |
| Japanese Tst | 245.1 | 261.8 | .. | 0.00 |
| Man Int | 28.05 | 29.84 | .. | 3.26 |
| **CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD** | | | | |
| Reigate, Surrey RH2 9SL Tel: 0737-242424 | | | | |
| European Gth | 54.17 | 57.75e | +0.02 | 2.24 |
| Euro Spec Sits | 40.31 | 43.11 | +0.18 | 1.41 |
| International | 40.42 | 43.24 | +0.18 | 0.50 |
| N Amer Gth | 39.01 | 41.43 | +0.23 | 0.00 |
| Pacific Gth | 52.88 | 56.37e | +0.43 | 2.82 |
| UK Gth Acc | 67.85 | 73.05 | +0.14 | 3.45 |
| Do Dist | 64.98 | 69.92 | +0.14 | 3.45 |
| UK Income | 56.54 | 60.51 | +0.26 | 5.11 |
| **EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS** | | | | |
| 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tst: 0345 026528 | | | | |
| American Fd | 53.69 | 57.04e | +0.12 | 1.75 |
| Capital Fd | 132.1 | 140.4 | +0.5 | 7.55 |
| Convertable | 24.0 | 25.5c | -0.1 | 7.55 |
| Eurofund | 24.17 | 25.65 | +0.05 | 1.17 |
| Growth & Inc | 185.1 | 196.7 | +1.2 | 4.19 |
| High Dist Fd | 148.9 | 158.2e | -0.4 | 5.27 |
| International | 206.5 | 221.6 | -0.5 | 1.82 |
| Pacific Fd | 23.51 | 24.98 | +0.12 | 1.20 |
| Resources Fd | 20.61 | 21.90 | +0.31 | 0.00 |
| Smlr Cos Fd | 40.05 | 42.46 | +0.25 | 0.00 |
| Tokyo Fd | 201.2 | 213.4 | -0.8 | 0.00 |
| Ex Amer 2 | 105.9 | 108.6 | .. | 2.09 |
| Ex Japan 3 | 125.9 | 129.4c | .. | 0.17 |
| Ex Pacific 4 | 353.2 | 364.0 | .. | 0.00 |
| Ex Smlr Jap 4 | 236.0 | 242.5 | +8.4 | 0.10 |
| **EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS** | | | | |
| Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221311 | | | | |
| UK Select Inc | 61.50 | 66.47e | +0.53 | 2.81 |
| Do Acc | 85.57 | 91.11e | +0.57 | 2.67 |
| UK Gth Acc | 120.7 | 128.1 | +0.7 | 2.14 |
| UK High Inc | 92.25 | 97.89e | +0.20 | 4.48 |
| N Amer Acc | 59.05 | 62.99 | +0.26 | 1.11 |
| Far East Acc | 122.4 | 130.6 | -0.4 | 0.59 |
| European Acc | 74.72 | 79.70 | +0.44 | 1.39 |
| UK Gt/Fi Inc | 56.89 | 59.86c | -0.12 | 8.77 |
| Do Acc | 66.06 | 69.44e | -0.14 | 7.49 |
| Intl Spec Sits | 38.67 | 41.25 | +0.01 | 1.63 |
| **ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD** | | | | |
| Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford RM1 3LB Tel: 0708 58966 | | | | |
| Endurance | 117.5 | 124.9 | +0.9 | 1.96 |
| **EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION** | | | | |
| Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431488 | | | | |
| Equit Pension | 93.34 | 98.30e | .. | 3.83 |
| High Income | 97.39 | 103.6e | .. | 5.21 |
| Gt/Fxd Interst | 51.99 | 55.31 | .. | 7.59 |
| Tst Of Inv Tsts | 89.05 | 94.74 | .. | 2.32 |
| Spec Sits Tst | 91.7 | 97.6 | .. | 0.00 |
| Nth Amer Tst | 53.29 | 56.70 | .. | 1.41 |
| Far East Tst | 118.5 | 126.1 | .. | 0.32 |
| Intl Gth | 56.12 | 59.71 | .. | 2.01 |
| European Tst | 42.38 | 45.09 | .. | 1.57 |
| **EQUITY & LAW** | | | | |
| St. Georges Hse Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1BD Tel: 0203 553231 | | | | |
| UK Gth Acc | 177.8 | 189.2e | -0.3 | 3.66 |
| Do Inc | 144.8 | 154.1e | -0.2 | 3.66 |
| Higher Inc Acc | 330.1 | 356.5e | -0.8 | 4.80 |
| Do Inc | 247.5 | 263.5e | +0.5 | 4.80 |
| Gilts & Fxd Acc | 113.8 | 119.5 | -0.3 | 8.95 |
| Do Inc | 81.80 | 85.56 | -0.14 | 8.95 |
| N Amer Acc | 161.3 | 107.6e | -0.2 | 0.41 |
| Far East Acc | 212.0 | 225.3e | +0.1 | 0.00 |
| Euro Tst Acc | 142.7 | 151.8 | -0.2 | 0.00 |
| Gen Tst | 252.5 | 268.7 | -0.4 | 4.01 |
| Intl Exempt | 39.89 | 42.44e | -0.11 | 3.24 |
| Br Fdmtls Inc | 48.83 | 51.95 | -0.03 | 6.28 |
| Do Acc | 50.39 | 53.61 | -0.03 | 6.28 |
| **FOREIGN & COLONIAL** | | | | |
| 1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680 | | | | |
| US Smlr Co | 60.95 | 65.19e | +0.48 | 0.65 |

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| UK Inc Fd | 92.24 | 98.78 | -0.26 | 5.46 |
| Far East Fd | 67.60 | 93.65 | +0.36 | 0.00 |
| Overseas Inc | 59.25 | 63.37e | +0.18 | 4.60 |
| Fxd Interest | 54.16 | 57.04c | +0.11 | 9.77 |
| Natural Res Fd | 53.79 | 57.53 | +0.83 | 2.19 |
| European Inc | 65.53 | 70.07 | +0.56 | 2.07 |
| Extended Fd | 45.91 | 49.09 | +0.33 | 2.45 |
| Int Tech Fd | 94.29 | 100.8 | +0.29 | 0.79 |
| UK Gth | 67.05 | 71.73 | -0.26 | 2.23 |
| US Major | 42.04 | 44.70e | +0.08 | 0.85 |
| **FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS** | | | | |
| 100, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132 | | | | |
| Balan Gth Acc | 67.25 | 71.5e | -0.12 | 1.25 |
| Do Inc | 65.10 | 69.25 | -0.12 | 1.25 |
| Hi Yield Acc | 29.89 | 31.79 | -0.05 | 5.70 |
| Do Inc | 27.44 | 29.20 | -0.04 | 5.70 |
| Inc Gth Acc | 56.69 | 60.30e | -0.06 | 5.00 |
| Do Inc | 48.57 | 51.69 | -0.05 | 5.00 |
| Serv Co Acc | 68.85 | 73.22e | -0.08 | 1.50 |
| Do Inc | 66.89 | 71.16e | -0.07 | 1.50 |
| Amer Gth Acc | 22.39 | 23.82 | +0.12 | 0.50 |
| Do Inc | 22.12 | 23.56 | +0.12 | 0.50 |
| Euro Gth Acc | 17.78 | 18.38 | +0.17 | 0.20 |
| Do Inc | 17.09 | 18.18 | +0.17 | 0.20 |
| **FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD** | | | | |
| Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161 | | | | |
| American | 99.78 | 102.4e | +0.19 | 0.80 |
| Amer Eqty Inc | 25.35 | 26.90e | +0.05 | 5.81 |
| Amer Spec Sit | 47.85 | 50.65 | +0.21 | 0.54 |
| Australia | 25.55 | 27.19e | +0.18 | 1.72 |
| European | 53.85 | 57.04 | +0.61 | .. |
| European Inc | 21.52 | 22.89 | -0.02 | 4.06 |
| Global Conv | 21.24 | 22.72 | +0.06 | 5.83 |
| Far East Inc | 38.98 | 41.31e | +0.12 | 3.43 |
| Gt/Fxd Interest | 29.18 | 29.95e | -0.02 | 9.91 |
| Growth & Inc | 21.04 | 22.31 | +0.08 | 4.43 |
| Japan Spec Sit | 74.32 | 78.98 | -0.02 | .. |
| Japan | 161.5 | 172.0 | -0.5 | .. |
| Managed Int | 121.6 | 128.6 | +0.1 | 0.92 |
| Inc Plus | 106.2 | 113.9e | +0.1 | 5.19 |
| Famous Name | 41.41 | 44.35 | +0.27 | 1.60 |
| SE Asia | 40.55 | 43.15 | +0.20 | 0.72 |
| Spec Sit | 278.9 | 299.1 | -0.1 | 0.54 |
| Eastern Opps | 22.78 | 24.24 | +0.19 | 0.90 |
| Intl Bond | 34.09 | 35.42e | +0.05 | 7.91 |
| Recovery | 26.72 | 30.80 | -0.06 | 2.23 |
| Moneyfunder | 28.15 | 27.86 | +0.03 | 2.38 |
| Euro Ops 1992 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| **FRANKLINTON UNIT MANAGEMENT** | | | | |
| 3, Loudon Wat Ridge, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-638 5181 | | | | |
| Amer Smlr Cos | 158.3 | 167.5 | +0.1 | .. |
| Do Acc | 181.7 | 171.1 | +0.1 | .. |
| Amer Turn Inc | 189.5 | 197.2 | +0.3 | .. |
| Do Acc | 193.5 | 204.7 | +0.3 | .. |
| Capital Inc | 262.9 | 278.2 | -0.3 | 2.17 |
| Do Acc | 329.4 | 348.5 | -0.4 | 2.17 |
| Commodities Inc | 151.9 | 172.8 | +0.5 | 6.18 |
| Do Acc | 151.9 | 160.7 | -0.2 | 6.18 |
| European Inc | 60.82 | 64.45 | +0.33 | 0.80 |
| Do Acc | 61.43 | 65.00 | +0.33 | 0.80 |
| Extra Inc Inc | 241.3 | 255.2 | +0.3 | 5.09 |
| Do Acc | 277.2 | 293.3 | -0.6 | 5.09 |
| Financial Acc | 44.39 | 46.97e | -0.17 | 0.97 |
| Do Inc | 43.98 | 46.53e | -0.18 | 0.97 |
| Gen Inc | 162.5 | 172.0e | -0.7 | 4.36 |
| High Income | 44.39 | 46.97e | -0.17 | 4.36 |
| Intl Growth Fd | 130.6 | 138.2e | +0.5 | .. |
| Do Acc | 143.9 | 152.4e | +0.4 | .. |
| Japan/Gen Inc | 122.4 | 129.5 | .. | .. |
| Do Acc | 122.6 | 130.7 | .. | .. |
| Monthly Inc Fd | 126.5 | 133.9e | -0.1 | 4.71 |
| PEP 87 | 69.2 | ● | .. | 3.62 |
| PEP 88 | 54.90 | 58.09 | -0.29 | 3.72 |
| Recovery | 179.5 | 189.9 | -0.1 | 1.81 |
| Do Acc | 198.3 | 209.8 | -0.1 | 1.81 |
| Smaller Inc | 56.58 | 61.98 | -0.05 | 2.60 |
| Do Acc | 59.56 | 63.04 | -0.10 | 2.60 |
| **GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS** | | | | |
| Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 01-623 1212 Dealing: 01-236 3885 Services: 0800 289320 | | | | |
| UK Gth Tsts | | | | |
| British Acc | 69.48 | 74.50 | -0.20 | 2.56 |
| Gen Inc | 58.16 | 62.36 | +0.19 | 3.70 |
| Chart UK Gth | 25.15 | 26.68 | -0.02 | 3.15 |
| Man Expt | 267.7 | 276.8e | .. | 1.66 |
| Pract Inv Inc | 68.73 | 73.70 | -0.05 | 2.44 |
| Do Acc | 69.73 | 74.77 | -0.10 | 2.44 |
| UK Sel Opps | 62.79 | 67.33 | .. | 0.00 |
| Income Tsts | | | | |
| Extra Inc | 58.9 | 63.09 | -0.6 | 6.34 |
| Fxd Interest | 28.42 | 29.91 | -0.10 | 7.59 |
| High Income | 30.75 | 32.98e | -0.11 | 7.02 |
| Income | 102.3 | 109.4 | -0.20 | 3.35 |
| Intl Fxd Int | 24.07 | 25.34 | +0.03 | 7.10 |
| International Tsts | | | | |
| Common Shrs | 56.81 | 60.75 | +0.47 | 1.87 |
| Pioneer Mkts | 25.03 | 26.66 | +0.04 | 0.67 |
| Global | 156.1 | 165.1e | +0.36 | 0.00 |
| Do Dist | 147.1 | 155.5e | +0.34 | 0.00 |
| Glob Inc/Gth | 66.81 | 73.60 | -0.14 | 4.51 |
| Gold Shrs | 13.44 | 14.41e | +0.07 | 2.04 |
| Intl Sel Opps | 163.8 | 111.0 | +0.52 | 1.35 |
| Wheide Recov | 87.38 | 93.45 | +0.39 | 1.50 |
| Overseas Tsts | | | | |
| American | 62.06 | 65.12 | +0.24 | 1.07 |
| Amer Sel Opp | 25.09 | 26.85 | +0.21 | 0.97 |
| Australian | 13.38 | 14.29 | +0.07 | 2.56 |
| European | 47.51 | 50.56 | +0.18 | 0.52 |
| Euro Sel Opp | 60.49 | 64.27 | +0.35 | 0.62 |

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| Far East | 120.7 | 129.1 | +0.24 | 0.13 |
| Hedged Amer | 31.91 | 33.66c | +0.24 | 0.59 |
| Hong Kong | 31.12 | 33.19 | +0.42 | 2.71 |
| Pan American | 13.7 | 14.53 | +0.10 | 0.77 |
| Japan S/Opp | 71.77 | 76.36e | -0.36 | 0.00 |
| Pacific Gth | 47.40 | 50.46c | +0.20 | 1.03 |
| **GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT** | | | | |
| Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 01-378 7879 Dealing:01-946 9570 | | | | |
| Intl Gth | 90.54 | 96.31 | +0.36 | 1.09 |
| American Gth | 54.22 | 57.66 | +0.36 | 0.64 |
| American Inc | 56.68 | 60.29 | +0.16 | 4.40 |
| European Gth | 49.61 | 51.36e | +0.29 | 0.77 |
| Gold & Minrls | 44.96 | 47.82 | -0.28 | 0.71 |
| Japan Gth | 67.27 | 72.62e | -0.85 | .. |
| Pacific Inc | 67.73 | 93.33 | -0.09 | 2.79 |
| Pacific Strat | 42.83 | 45.56 | +0.04 | 0.41 |
| UK Prop Inc | 77.44 | 76.00e | +0.10 | 4.44 |
| UK Spec Opps | 144.8 | 154.0 | +0.55 | 1.40 |
| Gt Britain | 38.82 | 41.09 | +0.10 | 3.32 |
| UK Smi Co | 37.17 | 39.54e | -1.16 | 1.68 |
| **GRE UNIT MANAGERS** | | | | |
| Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-588 3646 | | | | |
| Gt/Fxd Interest | 114.1 | 118.5 | -0.3 | 9.43 |
| Gth Equity | 248.4 | 262.8e | -1.4 | 2.89 |
| Guardhill | 334.0 | 348.1 | -1.7 | 3.18 |
| Income Tst | 100.9 | 106.7 | -0.2 | 4.36 |
| Intl Tst | 109.7 | 115.4 | -0.4 | 0.37 |
| Smlr Co Div | 172.2 | 183.0e | +0.6 | 3.43 |
| Spec Sits Inc | 183.7 | 193.7 | -0.4 | 1.41 |
| Do Acc | 264.7 | 288.2 | -0.5 | 1.41 |
| Worldwide | 479.2 | 518.5e | .. | 2.71 |
| Euro Expt | 106.8 | 111.1 | +0.3 | 0.70 |
| Far East Expt | 114.1 | 119.8e | +0.4 | 0.00 |
| Hi Inc Exempt | 165.9 | 174.3c | -0.6 | 4.93 |
| Japan Expt | 197.0 | 204.8 | -0.1 | 0.00 |
| N Amer Expt | 276.2 | 79.81e | +0.27 | 0.00 |
| Pacific Basin | 258.5 | 319.3 | +0.2 | 0.30 |
| Smlr Co Exempt | 171.4 | 183.0e | -0.1 | 1.99 |
| Best of Brit | 37.62 | 40.29e | -0.22 | 3.47 |
| Spirit Of Est | 38.37 | 41.15 | +0.01 | 2.09 |
| **HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS** | | | | |
| NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon Tel: 01-686 4355 01-628 8011 | | | | |
| Brtsh Gth | 24.91 | 26.63 | -0.08 | 2.53 |
| Capital Units | 113.7 | 121.5 | -0.1 | 2.56 |
| Dollar Units | 159.1 | 170.1e | +1.3 | 1.07 |
| European | 117.9 | 125.5 | +1.3 | 0.00 |
| Far East | 74.79 | 80.0 | .. | 0.00 |
| GF Interest Inc | 26.62 | 27.65 | -0.20 | 8.09 |
| High Yield | 84.04 | 89.69e | -0.32 | 5.16 |
| Income | 103.8 | 111.0e | -0.3 | 4.40 |
| Income Units | 105.2 | 112.5e | -0.3 | 4.40 |
| International | 125.2 | 133.9 | +0.1 | 0.00 |
| Japan Tech | 50.01 | 53.48 | +0.04 | 0.00 |
| Nat Resource | 44.07 | 47.13 | +0.32 | 1.35 |
| Security | 224.6 | 240.2 | +0.1 | 1.98 |
| Smaller Co | 172.7 | 131.2e | -3.0 | 0.00 |
| Spec Sits | 122.5 | 131.0 | -0.1 | 2.21 |
| US Smlr Co | 21.95 | 23.47 | -0.04 | 1.07 |
| **ISI FUND MANAGERS** | | | | |
| 26, Queens Street London EC4 1DN Tel: 01-236 4210 | | | | |
| Brit & Overs | 129.2 | 136.8e | +1.0 | 1.77 |
| Inc Plus | 66.07 | 69.92e | .. | 4.07 |
| Inc Gth | 63.93 | 67.62e | .. | 4.07 |
| Inv Tst Fnd | 72.67 | 76.50e | .. | 1.33 |
| **KEY FUND MANAGERS** | | | | |
| 86, High Street Hythe Kent CT21 5AJ Tel: 0303 264779 | | | | |
| Equity Gen | 53.27 | 56.62 | -0.10 | 2.32 |
| Gt/Fxd Interest | 67.05 | 71.33 | -0.06 | 9.14 |
| Higher Inc | 140.5 | 150.3 | -0.4 | 5.45 |
| Income | 87.70 | 93.54c | -0.19 | 4.01 |
| International | 57.66 | 61.65e | +0.07 | 0.65 |
| Smlr Co | 56.86 | 60.55 | -0.03 | 1.39 |

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| Income Trusts | | | | |
| Extra Income | 48.70 | 51.81c | -0.79 | 6.96 |
| Do Acc | 90.02 | 93.21e | -0.80 | 6.96 |
| Gilt Yield Inc | 108.2 | 114.3c | -0.2 | 8.92 |
| Do Acc | 214.5 | 226.5 | -0.4 | 8.92 |
| Global Inc | 142.9 | 151.9e | +0.6 | 4.55 |
| Do Acc | 259.6 | 276.1 | +1.1 | 4.55 |
| High Yield Inc | 111.0 | 118.1e | +0.4 | 5.34 |
| UK Gth | 243.0 | 258.5e | +0.7 | 5.54 |
| Capital Gth Trusts | | | | |
| Am Sm Co Inc | 48.77 | 49.76 | +0.35 | 0.57 |
| Do Acc | 48.16 | 51.23 | +0.36 | 0.57 |
| N American Inc | 40.78 | 43.37 | +0.21 | 1.72 |
| Do Acc | 48.08 | 51.13c | +0.25 | 1.72 |
| European Inc | 87.52 | 93.00 | +0.70 | 2.04 |
| Do Acc | 116.1 | 117.0 | +0.9 | 2.04 |
| Euro Spec Inc | 61.37 | 65.19 | +0.53 | 1.86 |
| Do Acc | 61.58 | 65.03 | +0.14 | 2.58 |
| Fd Of Invs Inc | 23.68 | 25.12 | +0.02 | 2.31 |
| Do Acc | 31.34 | 33.34 | +0.02 | 2.31 |
| General Inc | 195.8 | 208.8 | +1.4 | 2.94 |
| Do Acc | 278.7 | 296.5 | +2.0 | 2.94 |
| Int Recov Inc | 116.2 | 123.6e | +0.7 | 1.55 |
| Do Acc | 121.8 | 133.9e | +0.8 | 1.55 |
| Japan Gen | 303.9 | 322.3 | +1.4 | 0.00 |
| Do Acc | 307.3 | 326.9 | +1.4 | 0.00 |
| Jap Spec Inc | 144.8 | 154.0 | +1.8 | 0.04 |
| Do Acc | 145.5 | 154.7 | +1.8 | 0.04 |
| Money Acc | 100.0 | 100.3 | +0.1 | 5.83

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| 8 | Triplex Lloyd | Industrials S-Z | |
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| 21 | Johnston | Industrials E-K | |
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| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | Weekly Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | |

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

# Substantial falls

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 14. Dealings end today. §Contango day November 28. Settlement day December 5. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

**Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/ earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks.**

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WEEKLY DIVIDEND £8,000
Claims required for 136 points
ACCUMULATOR £12,000
Claims better than 136 points
Claimants should ring 0254-53272

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### BRITISH FUNDS

| 1988 High | 1988 Low | Stock | Price | Chge | Int. only yld% | Gross Red. yld% |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **SHORTS (Under Five Years)** | | | | | | |
| 102⅝ | 98⅜ | Treas 11¾% 1989 | 99⅝ | -⅛ | 11.5 | 12.817 |
| 102¼ | 94 | Treas 10¾% 1989 | 99 | -⅛ | 10.5 | 12.368 |
| 102 | 98¼ | Exch 10% 1989 | 99⅛ | -⅛ | 10.1 | 12.480 |
| 104¼ | 94⅛ | Exch 10¼% 1989 | 99⅜ | -⅛ | 10.4 | 11.793 |
| 103⅝ | 94⅛ | Exch 11% 1989 | 99 | -⅛ | 11.1 | 12.338 |
| 99⅛ | 92⅜ | Treas 5% 1986-89 | 95 | -⅛ | 5.2 | 10.758 |
| 101⅜ | 94 | Treas C 9¾% 1989 | 98⅝ | -⅛ | 9.8 | 12.398 |
| 97⅝ | 95¾ | Treas 8% 1989 | 98⅛ | -⅛ | 8.2 | 10.122 |
| 102⅜ | 95⅞ | Treas 8% 1990 | 99⅛ | -⅛ | 8.2 | 10.048 |
| 107⅝ | 101⅜ | Treas 13% 1990 | 101⅜ | -⅛ | 12.8 | 11.702 |
| 104⅛ | 99⅜ | Exch 11¾% 1990 | 99⅞ | -⅛ | 11.6 | 11.579 |
| 107⅜ | 101 | Exch 12¾% 1990 | 101 | -⅛ | 12.5 | 11.597 |
| 93⅝ | 88⅝ | Treas 9% 1990 | 90⅝ | -⅛ | 9.2 | 9.865 |
| 89⅝ | 85⅝ | Treas 8¼% 1987-90 | 89⅝ | -⅛ | 8.5 | 11.156 |
| 103⅜ | 99⅜ | Treas 10% 1990 | 99⅝ | -⅛ | 10.2 | 11.447 |
| 91⅛ | 87⅜ | Treas 8¾% 1990 | 87⅝ | -⅛ | 2.8 | 9.146 |
| 105⅛ | 98⅛ | Treas C 10% 1991 | 99⅝ | -⅛ | 10.1 | 10.832 |
| 107⅜ | 100⅜ | Treas 11¾% 1991 | 100⅝ | -⅛ | 11.6 | 11.416 |
| 95⅜ | 90⅛ | Treas 9% 1992-96 | 94⅝ | -⅛ | 9.5 | 10.308 |
| 50⅜ | 95⅛ | Exch 11% 1991 | 99⅝ | -⅛ | 11.0 | 11.094 |
| 90⅜ | 85⅜ | Treas 9% 1991 | 85⅝ | -⅛ | 8.4 | 8.995 |
| 98⅛ | 90⅜ | Treas 9% 1991 | 92⅝ | -⅛ | 8.6 | 11.121 |
| 113⅜ | 104⅝ | Treas 12¾% 1992 | 104⅝ | -⅛ | 12.1 | 10.941 |
| 104⅜ | 97⅞ | Treas 10% 1992 | 97⅞ | -⅛ | 10.2 | 10.946 |
| 105⅜ | 95⅞ | Treas C10½% 1992 | 98⅛ | -⅛ | 10.5 | 10.949 |
| 96⅝ | 89⅜ | Treas 9% 1992 | 89⅝ | -⅛ | 9.5 | 8.499 |
| 98⅜ | 91⅜ | Treas 9% 1992 | 91⅜ | -⅛ | 8.7 | 10.948 |
| 112⅝ | 103⅜ | Exch 12¾% 1992 | 103⅝ | -⅛ | 11.8 | 10.569 |
| 117⅜ | 107⅜ | Exch 13¾% 1992 | 107⅝ | -⅛ | 12.5 | 10.953 |
| **FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS** | | | | | | |
| 97⅜ | 91⅜ | Treas 8¾% 1993 | 91⅝ | -⅛ | 9.0 | 10.814 |
| 105⅝ | 93⅜ | Treas 10% 1993 | 97⅜ | -⅛ | 10.2 | 10.648 |
| 115⅝ | 108⅝ | Treas 12¾% 1993 | 108⅝ | -⅛ | 11.7 | 10.711 |
| 93 | 88⅝ | Fund 4% 1960-98 | 88⅝ | -⅛ | 5.8 | 10.562 |
| 121⅛ | 107⅝ | Treas 13¾% 1993 | 111⅜ | -⅛ | 12.3 | 10.732 |
| 101¼ | 91⅜ | Treas 9¾% 1994 | 91⅝ | -⅛ | 9.3 | 10.729 |
| 94⅜ | 91⅛ | Treas 8¾% 1994 # | 91⅝ | -⅛ | | |
| 125⅜ | 115⅜ | Treas 14¾% 1995 | 115⅝ | -⅛ | 12.5 | 10.647 |
| 118⅝ | 107⅝ | Exch 12¾% 1994 | 107⅝ | -⅛ | 11.6 | 10.748 |
| 120⅛ | 105 | Exch 13¾% 1994 | 111 | -⅛ | 12.1 | 10.778 |
| 101¼ | 91⅛ | Treas 9% 1994 | 93⅝ | -⅛ | 8.6 | 10.468 |
| 105⅜ | 96⅝ | Treas 10% 1993 | 98 | -⅛ | 10.2 | 10.582 |
| 114⅜ | 105⅜ | Treas 12% 1995 | 105⅞ | -⅛ | 11.3 | 10.669 |
| 83⅛ | 78⅛ | Gas 9% 1990-95 | 78⅜ | -⅛ | 3.7 | 8.717 |
| 106⅜ | 96⅝ | Exch 10¾% 1995 | 96⅝ | -⅛ | 10.3 | 10.517 |
| 120⅜ | 107⅜ | Treas 12% 1995 | 111 | -⅛ | 11.4 | 10.607 |
| 126⅜ | 116⅜ | Treas 14% 1998 | 116⅜ | -⅛ | 11.9 | 10.543 |
| 101⅛ | 93⅜ | Treas 9% 1992-96 | 94⅝ | -⅛ | 9.5 | 10.149 |
| 133⅜ | 117⅜ | Treas 15¾% 1998 | 124 | -⅛ | 12.2 | 10.488 |
| 122⅜ | 110⅜ | Exch 13¾% 1996 | 114⅜ | -⅛ | 11.5 | 10.729 |
| 105⅜ | 95⅝ | Conv 10% 1996 | 98⅜ | -⅛ | 10.1 | 10.291 |
| 124⅜ | 115 | Treas 13¾% 1997 | 115⅝ | -⅛ | 11.4 | 10.339 |
| 106⅜ | 97⅛ | Exch 10¾% 1997 | 101 | -⅛ | 10.3 | 10.388 |
| 98⅛ | 91⅛ | Treas 9¼% 1997 | 92⅛ | -⅛ | 8.4 | 10.054 |
| 134⅜ | 118⅛ | Exch 15% 1997 | 125⅜ | -⅛ | 11.9 | 10.461 |
| 87⅛ | 78⅛ | Treas 8% 1995-98 | 82 | -⅛ | 8.0 | 9.446 |
| 104 | 95⅝ | Exch 9¾% 1998 | 97⅛ | -⅛ | 10.0 | 10.188 |
| 140⅜ | 124⅜ | Treas 15¾% 1998 | 131⅝ | -⅛ | 12.0 | 10.409 |
| 118⅛ | 107 | Exch 12% 1998 | 110⅝ | -⅛ | 10.8 | 10.258 |
| 103⅛ | 95⅛ | Treas 9¾% 1998 | 97⅜ | -⅛ | 9.7 | 9.947 |
| 120⅜ | 111⅜ | Exch 12¾% 1999 | 112⅝ | -⅛ | 10.8 | 10.228 |
| 109⅜ | 99⅜ | Treas 10½% 1999 | 101⅝ | -⅛ | 10.0 | 10.044 |
| 107⅜ | 98 | Conv 10¾% 1999 | 101⅜ | -⅛ | 10.1 | 10.073 |
| 100⅛ | 86⅞ | Treas 8¾% 2000 | 96⅜ | -⅛ | 9.3 | 9.957 |
| 126⅜ | 117⅜ | Treas 13% 2000 | 118⅝ | -⅛ | 10.9 | 10.312 |
| 99⅜ | 92⅜ | Conv 9¼% 2000 | 94⅛ | -⅛ | 9.5 | 9.873 |
| 106⅜ | 98⅛ | Treas 10% 2001 | 100⅝ | -⅛ | 9.9 | 9.954 |
| 104⅜ | 97⅜ | Conv 9¾% 2001 | 98⅝ | -⅛ | 9.8 | 9.912 |
| 129⅜ | 118⅜ | Treas 14¼% 1998-2001 | 121⅜ | -⅛ | 11.5 | 10.409 |
| 99⅜ | 91⅛ | Exch 9% 2008 | 94⅜ | -⅛ | 8.5 | 9.754 |
| 107 | 94⅜ | Conv 10% 2002 | 101⅜ | -⅛ | 9.9 | 9.862 |
| 118⅛ | 108⅜ | Exch 12% 1998-... | 110⅝ | -⅛ | 10.8 | 10.263 |
| 105⅜ | 97⅜ | Treas 9¼% 2002 | 98⅝ | -⅛ | 9.7 | 9.804 |
| **OVER FIFTEEN YEARS** | | | | | | |
| 106 | 100⅛ | Treas 10% 2003 | 102⅝ | -⅛ | 9.7 | 9.715 |
| 131⅛ | 122⅜ | Treas 12¾% 2000-... | 125⅜ | -⅛ | 11.1 | 10.256 |
| 117⅛ | 108⅝ | Treas 11½% 2001 | 110⅝ | -⅛ | 10.4 | 10.046 |
| 106 | 100⅛ | Treas 10% 2004 | 102⅝ | -⅛ | 9.7 | 9.647 |
| 56¾ | 54⅛ | Fund 3½% 1999-... | 59 | -⅛ | 6.9 | 9.282 |
| 104⅜ | 93⅜ | Conv 9¼% 2004 | 99⅛ | -⅛ | 9.5 | 9.568 |
| 104⅜ | 93⅜ | Conv 9¼% 2005 | 99⅝ | -⅛ | 9.5 | 9.522 |
| 113⅜ | 105⅛ | Exch 10¾% 2005 | 105⅝ | -⅛ | 9.7 | 9.568 |
| 127⅜ | 116⅜ | Treas 12¾% 2003-... | 121⅜ | -⅛ | 10.5 | 9.754 |
| 92 | 82⅛ | Treas 8% 2002-... | 87⅜ | -⅛ | 8.1 | 9.400 |
| 106⅛ | 99⅛ | Conv 9¼% 2006 | 103⅝ | -⅛ | 9.4 | 9.415 |
| 121⅛ | 112⅜ | Treas 11¼% 2003-... | 114⅜ | -⅛ | 10.2 | 9.784 |
| 97 | 89⅝ | Treas 8¾% 2007 | 93⅛ | -⅛ | 9.1 | 9.291 |
| 107⅜ | 100⅜ | Treas 10¼% 2004 | 100 | -⅛ | 10.3 | 9.705 |
| 101⅜ | 91⅛ | Treas 9% 2008 | 98⅝ | -⅛ | 9.1 | 9.196 |
| 92⅜ | 83 | Fund 3% 2009 | 89⅝ | -⅛ | 8.9 | 9.156 |
| 101⅛ | 93⅜ | Conv 9% 2011 | 99 | -⅛ | 9.1 | 9.073 |
| 98⅝ | 85⅜ | Treas 8¼% 2008-12 | 97⅜ | -⅛ | 8.5 | 8.967 |
| 98⅛ | 82⅜ | Treas 7¾% 2012-15 | 97⅜ | -⅛ | 8.5 | 8.967 |
| 131⅜ | 121⅜ | Exch 12% 2013-17 | 128⅝ | -⅛ | 9.3 | 9.166 |
| **UNDATED** | | | | | | |
| 44½ | 41 | Consols 4% | 44⅛ | | 8.9 | |
| 40⅜ | 37⅜ | War Ln 3½% | 39⅜ | | 8.7 | |
| 62¾ | 48⅜ | Conv 3½% | 61⅜ | | 5.5 | |
| 39⅜ | 36⅜ | Treas 3% | 39⅜ | | 8.1 | |
| 28⅜ | 25⅜ | Consols 2½% | 27⅜ | | 9.2 | |
| 28⅜ | 25 | Treas 2½% | 27⅜ | | 9.2 | |
| **INDEX-LINKED** | | | | | | |
| 124⅜ | 117⅞ | Treas IL 2% 1990 | 122⅜ | -⅛ | | |
| 105⅜ | 99 | Treas IL 2% 1992 | 104 | -⅛ | | |
| 96⅜ | 92½ | Treas IL 2% 1994 | 95⅜ | -⅛ | | |
| 142 | 127⅜ | Treas IL 2% 1996 | 140 | -½ | | |

### BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

| 1988 High | 1988 Low | Company | Price Bid | Price Offer | Chge | Gross Div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 273 | 188 | Allied Irish | 263 | 268 | -2 | | 5.2 | 27 |
| 214 | 155 | Anglo Leasing | 194 | 198 | -2 | | 5.2 | 3.2 |
| 90 | 64 | Antofagasta (Hsmy) | 80 | 84 | -1 | | 2.7 | 3.2 |
| 259 | 124 | Aust New Z | 256 | 260 | +8 | | | |
| 107¾ | 5¾ | Bankamerica | 1 93 | | | | | |
| 274 | 184 | Bank of Ireland | 255 | 260 | | | | |
| 189 | 76 | Bank Leumi Israel | 16 | 19 | | | | |
| 395 | 345 | Bank Leumi Uk | 365 | 385 | | | 4.8 | 11.5 |
| 336 | 334 | Bank Of Scotland | 365 | 369 | -1 | | 17.6 | 8.6 |
| 65 | 45 | Bank Of Wales | 58 | 66 | -5 | | 2.9 | 6.8 |
| 40 | 32 | Barclays (aa) | 41 | 414 | | | 20.9 | 20.3 |
| 31 | 28 | Brown Shipley | 30 | 32 | -5 | | 2.2 | 7.9 |
| 455 | 350 | Brown Shipley | 343 | 353 | | | 14.6 | 4.8 |
| 10 | 5 | Bus Mortgage | 9 | 10 | -1 | | | |
| 394 | 316 | Cater Allen | 362 | 369 | -1 | | 20.6 | 8.7 |
| 71 | 54 | Cedar | 65 | 66 | -5 | | 6.6 | 9.6 |
| 278 | 175 | Chancery | 256 | 266 | -5 | | 8.6 | 13.5 |
| 154 | 114 | Chase Manhattan | 154 | | | | | |
| 157 | 94 | Citicorp | 153 | | | | 6.7 | 3.6 |
| 260 | 167 | Close Bros | 252 | 262 | | | | |
| 1074 | 86 | Commercebank | 1074 | | | | | |
| 116 | 86 | Consolidated Gold | 116 | | | | 6.7 | 3.9 |
| 178 | 114 | Deutsche Bank | 178 | 182 | -2 | | 6.7 | 3.9 |
| 20 | 14 | Equity & Gen | 20 | | | | | |
| 230 | 194 | First Nat Finance | 220 | 232 | -2 | | 15.2 | 6.4 |
| 74 | 48 | FKB | 67 | 73 | -1 | | 24.0 | 15.2 |
| 340 | 285 | Gerrard Nat | 326 | 333 | -1 | | 16.1 | 5.3 |
| 249 | 211 | Guinness Mahon | 241 | 243 | | | 12.5 | 5.1 |
| 265 | 217 | Hambros | 260 | 262 | | | 13.7 | 5.1 |
| 51 | 42 | HK Shanghai | 49 | 51 | | | 17.6 | 15 |
| 516 | 413 | Jessel (Leonold) | 515 | 525 | | | 12.3 | 2.4 |
| 158 | 130½ | King & Shaxson | 158 | 162 | | | 6.8 | 7.6 |
| 467 | 313 | Kleinwort Benson | 315 | 325 | -5 | | 16.7 | |
| 345 | 238 | Lloyds (aa) | 316 | 318 | -6 | | 16.6 | 11.7 |
| 45 | 35 | Lon Scot Bk | 43 | 45 | -1 | | 2.5 | |
| 468 | 370 | Midland (aa) | 424 | 426 | -5 | | 14.5 | 27.3 |
| 264 | 236 | Morgan Grenfell | 253 | 257 | | | 13.7 | 9.4 |
| 151 | 146 | Nat Aust Bk | 151 | | | | | |
| 324 | 252 | Nat West (aa) | 320 | 322 | -10 | | 20.7 | 6.3 |

### BUILDING, ROADS

| 1988 High | 1988 Low | Company | Price Bid | Price Offer | Chge | Gross Div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 273 | 238 | Abbey | 265 | 268 | -15 | | | |
| 490 | 335 | Amec | 335 | 338 | | | | |
| 90 | 64 | Anglia Sec | 64 | 66 | | | | |
| 163 | 94 | Anglo Utd | 94 | 96 | | | | |
| 280 | 247 | Ashtead | 247 | 250 | | | | |
| 159 | 139 | Ashtenne | 139 | 142 | | | | |
| 280 | 240 | Bardon Hill | 240 | 245 | | | | |
| 386 | 325 | Barratt Dev (aa) | 473 | 478 | -6 | | 4.8 | 10.7 |
| 1750 | 1750 | Beazer (aa) | | | | | | |
| 1750 | 1750 | Beazer Units (aa) | | | | | | |
| 95 | 75 | Bellway Sp | 95 | 98 | | | 5.5 | 8.2 |
| 140 | 110 | Berkeley | 140 | 145 | | | | |
| 285 | 230 | Bett Bros | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Bickerton | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 240 | 190 | Bicc | 190 | 195 | | | | |
| 475 | 380 | Blue Circle (aa) | 380 | 385 | | | | |
| 170 | 140 | Bovis (Henry) | 140 | 145 | | | | |
| 170 | 115 | Bowater | 115 | 120 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Brewer (C) | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 115 | 95 | Brick Corp | 95 | 100 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Brickhouse Dunn | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 170 | 140 | Brickwood | 140 | 145 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Britannia Build | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Britton Group | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Brixton Est | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Brown & Jackson | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Brown (N) | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Brown (S) | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Burton pk | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 415 | 350 | Cairn | 350 | 360 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Cala Homes | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Calthorpe Venilla (aa) | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Carlton Forresters | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | CARS Simpson 'A' | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Chestnut (U) | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Chrisdens Sp (aa) | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Clarke | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | CRA Sp | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Cubitt (Whitefoot) | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Cussins Stores | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Dandy Group | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Dawson Int | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Dean Fine Art Dev | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Dennis Stores | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Dent Sp | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Dickens (A) | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Dixey Elect | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Dyrham | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | EBOT Group | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Ecclesbourne | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Elsecar | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Fawley & Mills | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Fenton | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Fenton Grove | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Fenton Stores | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Fine Art Dev | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Fitzgerald | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Gent Sir | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Goldberg (A) | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Gough | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Grant (Alexander) | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Grant (Sir Robert) | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Gunnebo | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Hall (Matthew) | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Hall (Peter) | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Hall & Tawse | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Hall Construction | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Hall Engineering | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Hall Fire Protection | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Hall Sp | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Hall Thermal Sp | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Hall Tunnelling | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Hall Waterproofing | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Hall Wiltshire | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Hall (Wm) | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Hall (Wm) 'A' (aa) | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Hall & Tawse | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Hall & Tawse Sp | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Hall & Tawse Units | 230 | 240 | | | | |
| 280 | 230 | Hall & Tawse Wrnts

## INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

| | Nominal rate | Compounded at tax rates 25% | 40% | Min/max investment £ | Notice | Contact |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **BANKS** | | | | | | |
| **Ordinary Dep A/c:** | | | | | | |
| Typical | 4.00 | 4.10 | 3.28 | none/none | 7 day | — |
| **Fixed Term Deposits:** | | | | | | |
| Barclays | 7.75 | 8.09 | 6.42 | 2,500-25,000 | 1 mth | 01-626 1567 |
| " | 9.13 | 9.39 | 7.46 | 2,500-25,000 | 6 mth | 01-626 1567 |
| Lloyds | 7.88 | 7.88 | 6.31 | 2,500-50,000 | 1 mth | 01-407 1000 |
| " | 8.89 | 8.89 | 6.95 | 2,500-50,000 | 6 mth | 01-407 1000 |
| Midland | 7.91 | 7.91 | 6.33 | 10,000-no max | 1 mth | 01-260 2805 |
| " " " | 8.15 | 8.15 | 6.52 | 10,000-no max | 6 mth | 01-260 2805 |
| NatWest | 8.38 | 8.38 | 6.70 | 2,000-no max | 1 mth | 01-726 1000 |
| " " " | 8.50 | 8.50 | 6.80 | 2,000-no max | 6 mth | 01-726 1000 |
| **HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS** | | | | | | |
| Bank of Scotland MMC | 8.13 | 8.45 | 6.76 | 2,500-no max | none | 031-442 7777 |
| Barclays Prime a/c' | 7.75 | 7.98 | 6.38 | 2,500-no max | none | 0604 252891 |
| Co-operative Chq & Save² | 6.15 | 6.31 | 5.05 | 500-no max | none | 01 626 8543 |
| Girobank | 7.50 | 7.50 | 6.00 | 1,000-no max | none | 051 969 2076 |
| Lloyds HICA | 7.00 | 7.20 | 5.76 | 1,000-no max | none | 01-407 1000 |
| Midland HICA | 7.75 | 7.98 | 7.18 | 2,000-no max | none | — |
| NatWest Special Reserve | 5.00 | 5.10 | 4.08 | 500-no max | none | 01-726 1000 |
| Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c | 8.05 | 8.31 | 6.85 | 2,500-no max | none | 031-556 8555 |
| TSB England & Wales | 8.25 | 8.25 | 6.60 | 2,000-no max | none | 01-800 6000 |
| **BUILDING SOCIETIES** | | | | | | |
| Ordinary Share A/c | 5.50 | 5.50 | 4.40 | 1 min | ——— | |
| **Best buy — largest socs:** | | | | | | |
| B'ham Midshires | 5.55 | 5.55 | 4.52 | 1 min | none | — |
| Britannia | 7.80 | 7.90 | 6.24 | 250 min | — | — |
| Bristol & West | 8.00 | 8.00 | 6.40 | 500 min | — | — |
| Britannia | 8.50 | 8.50 | 6.88 | 10,000 min | — | — |
| Northern Rock | 8.90 | 8.90 | 7.12 | 20,000 min | — | — |
| **Best buy — all socs:** | | | | | | |
| City Metropolitan | 8.50 | 8.50 | 6.80 | 500 min | none | — |
| Hendon | 8.95 | 8.95 | 7.16 | 500 min | 30 day | — |
| Universal | 9.15 | 9.15 | 7.32 | 500 min | 60 day | — |
| Hampshire | 9.15 | 9.36 | 7.32 | 500 min | 90 day | — |
| Coventry | 9.75 | 9.75 | 7.80 | 1,000 min | 3 yrs | — |
| **Cash/Cheque Accounts:** | | | | | | |
| Abbey Nat Current | 5.00 | 5.00 | 4.00 | 1 min | | Rates rise |
| Alliance & Leicester Nationwide Anglia Flex | 5.50 | 5.50 | 4.40 | 500 min | | with larger balances |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **NATIONAL SAVINGS** | | | | | | |
| Ordinary A/c³ | 5.00 | 3.75 | 3.00 | 1-10,000 | 8 day | 041-649-4555 |
| Investment A/c⁴ | 10.00 | 7.50 | 6.00 | 5-100,000 | 1 mth | 041-649-4555 |
| Income Bond⁵ | 10.75 | 8.06 | 6.45 | 2,000-100,000 | 3 mth | 0253 66151 |
| Deposit Bond⁵ | 10.75 | 8.06 | 6.45 | 100-100,000 | 3 mth | 041-649-4555 |
| 54th Issue Cert*† | 7.50 | 7.50 | 7.50 | 25-1,000 | 8 day | 091-3864900 |
| Yearly Plan† | 7.50 | 7.50 | 7.50 | 20-200/mth | 14 day | 091-3864900 |
| General Extension Rate† | 5.01 | 5.01 | 5.01 | | | |
| **GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS** | | | | | | |
| New Direction Fin | 9.50 | 9.50 | 8.08 | 1,000 min | 1 yr | Figures from |
| New Direction Fin | 9.00 | 9.00 | 7.65 | 1,000 min | 2 yrs | Chase de |
| M.L.A. | 8.80 | 8.80 | 7.42 | 2,000 min | 3 yrs | Vere call |
| American Life | 9.25 | 9.25 | 7.85 | 10,000 min | 4 yrs | 01 404 5766 |
| Providence Cap | 9.10 | 9.10 | 7.70 | 10,000 min | 5 yrs | for details |

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|---|---|---|---|
| | | **Holiday rates** | **£ buys** |
| RPI (August 87-88) | +5.4% | Spanish Peseta: | 202.50 |
| Bank Base Rate | 13% | French Franc: | 10.59 |
| Personal Loan | 19.7% | Greek Drachma: | 261.00 |
| Credit Card | 16-26.8% | Italian Lire: | 2305.00 |

*¹All cheque/deposits must be at least £250 ²£9 quarterly service charge ³2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less ⁴Additional holdings up to £5,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates †Tax free *Interest taxable paid gross ⁵£500 min entry level Due to Base rate change on Friday some rates shown are currently under review*

## CGT ALLOWANCE, OCTOBER 1988

**The indexed rise for calculating the indexation allowance on assets disposed of in April 1988**

| RI month | RI year 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan | - | 0.325 | 0.261 | 0.201 | 0.138 | 0.095 | 0.060 |
| Feb | - | 0.320 | 0.256 | 0.191 | 0.134 | 0.091 | 0.056 |
| Mar | 0.378 | 0.317 | 0.252 | 0.180 | 0.132 | 0.088 | 0.052 |
| Apr | 0.351 | 0.299 | 0.235 | 0.155 | 0.121 | 0.076 | 0.035 |
| May | 0.342 | 0.294 | 0.231 | 0.150 | 0.119 | 0.075 | 0.031 |
| Jun | 0.338 | 0.291 | 0.229 | 0.148 | 0.120 | 0.075 | 0.027 |
| Jul | 0.337 | 0.284 | 0.229 | 0.150 | 0.123 | 0.076 | 0.026 |
| Aug | 0.337 | 0.278 | 0.218 | 0.147 | 0.119 | 0.072 | 0.015 |
| Sep | 0.338 | 0.272 | 0.215 | 0.147 | 0.114 | 0.069 | 0.010 |
| Oct | 0.331 | 0.268 | 0.208 | 0.148 | 0.112 | 0.064 | - |
| Nov | 0.325 | 0.263 | 0.204 | 0.142 | 0.103 | 0.059 | - |
| Dec | 0.327 | 0.260 | 0.205 | 0.140 | 0.099 | 0.060 | - |

*The RI month for disposls by individuals on or after April 6, 1988 (April 1, 1988 for companies) is the month in which the allowable expenditure was incurred, or March 1982 where the expenditure was incurred before that month.*

# FAMILY MONEY

Edited by Vivien Goldsmith

# British Steel float: Still for the stags?



**The price of British Steel shares — 125p — was announced on Wednesday. Maria Scott looks at prospects for the private investor**

The stock market bloodbath yesterday was a timely reminder to would-be investors in British Steel that share prices can go down as well as up. Now we know why Lord Young priced the issue at least 5p below expectations. Unlike his advisers, he had seen the grim £2.4 billion trade deficit for October, and taken it into his calculations.

Michael Blogg, metals and engineering analyst at stockbroker James Capel, says: "The Government understands the importance of steel in the context of its plans for later privatizations. It allowed for the trade figures and unless the market is unsettled next week, there is still room for a premium in first dealings."

County NatWest Woodmac issued a "buy" recommendation hours after the price was announced. It said: "The offer has been priced to ensure success rather than to maximize the Government's proceeds."

Investors are asked to pay for shares in two instalments — one of 60p a share, to be in with applications by 10 am next Friday, December 2, the second of 65p by September 26, 1989.

The minimum you can apply for is 400 shares, involving an initial outlay of £240. Applications for up to 1,000 shares must be made in steps of 100 so you can apply for, say, 500 or 600 but not 550. Beyond 1,000 shares, applications must be made in a range of multiples outlined in the prospectus.

If the partly paid shares go to 70p after dealings start, the minimum holding of 400 shares would produce a profit of £40. Commission is likely to be about £20, although a few cheaper deals are available, so clearly a holding of this size is not going to make much of a dent in the Christmas bills. On the same assumption, a holding of 1,000 shares would produce a profit of £100, enough to fill the cocktail cabinet or pay for a hamper.

Potential profits will depend on whether allocations are scaled down. Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank advising the Government, wants to avoid a ballot.

Already, 1.5 million investors have registered their interest with the share information office. They will all get a mini-prospectus and an application form.

Two billion shares are on offer and 23 per cent will go to the UK public, British Steel employees and pensioners. This could increase to 42 per cent if demand is big enough to trigger provisions for a clawback from UK institutions and overseas investors.

No loyalty bonuses are on offer with this issue, which will encourage small investors to sell out for instant profit.

Though demand is expected to be brisk, Mr William Long, marketing director of a provincial broking chain, National Investment Group, says interest among his firm's clients has not been nearly as strong as for earlier privatization issues.

Mr Blogg also predicts the premium on British Steel's newly floated shares could hold for some time as institutions try to build up their holdings. But Malcolm Roberts, of brokers Fleming Montagu Stanley thinks investors should treat this as an issue for stagging. He explained: "This is a risk business being sold at the top of its industrial cycle. My advice to the private client is to take any premium available in early dealings."

British Steel forecasts a profit of £550 million for the year to April 1989, which would be a 31 per cent increase on the previous year's figure.

It is forecasting a dividend of 5p per share for the current financial year, to be paid in August 1989. Thus the yield on the partly paid shares will be just over 11 per cent.

The company says this equates with 7.5p per share for the whole year — a gross yield of eight per cent. The high yield will help to compensate for the cyclical nature of British Steel's business.

Investors are warned to make only one application. If they apply jointly with someone else, they cannot apply again on their own behalf. Joint applications from up to four people will be accepted but restricted to one person's limit, and parents, grandparents and guardians can apply for children.

The prospectus is available from all branches of Lloyds Bank, major branches of National Westminster Bank and the Bank of Scotland and all branches of the Bank of Ireland in Northern Ireland.

Share allocations are expected to be announced by 9 am on Monday December 5 and dealings to start at 2.30 pm that day.

● Several building societies, including the Newcastle, Skipton and Cheltenham & Gloucester, will offer application forms through branches. The C&G will allow up to five members of a household to sell their holdings together for one commission charge. Minimum commission on the society's dealing service is £18.

Barclays Bank will also allow two members of one family to consolidate holdings to sell for one commission fee. Investors will be able to deal in British Steel shares through National Westminster's touch sensitive screen-dealing service from December 12. The screens are installed in 262 of the bank's branches. Minimum charge will be £25, with a standard rate of 1.5 per cent on the first £5,000, one per cent on the next £7,500.

# Hill Kestrel money has flown



John Wright: Cannot afford to pursue his case

**The Occupational Pensions Advisory Service (Opas) has told 50 people who lost pension fund money invested in the phantom Hill Kestrel pension scheme that they should now take legal advice, *writes Maria Scott*. Hill Kestrel promoted itself in the early-1980s as a company that could provide a good deal on transferred pension funds.**

**Several hundred people responded to the advertisements and transferred their funds, but it later became clear they had not been invested. By the time a receiver was appointed in 1985 to look after the interests of investors, much of the £1. 4 million invested was missing. Ninety people asked Opas for help. So far, 11 have been readmitted to their former pension schemes — the ones they left to invest with Hill Kestrel. In some cases Opas has established that the transfer to Hill Kestrel breached the rules of the scheme the member was leaving.**

**Opas says that in some cases it was not worth trying to get the person reinstated to a previous scheme because no substantial loss was involved. But in 50 cases Opas is either still investigating or the individuals' former schemes have refused to readmit them.**

**"If you fall into the latter category, it is difficult to see what further can be done by Opas," says the organization in a newsletter to the former Hill Kestrel investors. "If you fall into the former category, and we are still investigating the pensions aspects on your behalf, you should not wait until we have finished before considering seeking legal advice." Opas also advises that those who want to fight on through solicitors should take action immediately because the six-year time limit for doing so may run out within a year in some cases.**

**Criminal proceedings are still pending against two Hill Kestrel employees.**

**Opas says it won some people readmission to their old schemes by establishing that the transfer to Hill Kestrel was not made in accordance with the provisions of the transferring pension scheme's trust deed and rules.**

**In the 11 cases where schemes have readmitted Hill Kestrel victims the schemes have not accepted any liability. These 11 will now receive benefits equivalent to what they would have got before. For those who have not been reinstated, the outlook is bleak. John Wright transferred a frozen pension worth £12,000 to Hill Kestrel, but despite the efforts of Opas, his former scheme will not bring him back to the fold. Mr Wright, of North Lancing, West Sussex says he cannot afford to pursue his case further. He says he spent £1,000 on legal fees when he first realized that something was amiss at Hill Kestrel. He now relies on the basic state benefit. He has already sold one home and moved to a smaller property to raise money.**

**Opas says it cannot suggest what sort of legal action people take or which parties to pursue. Stoy Hayward the receiver appointed to look after the investors' interests has recovered only £400,000 of the missing pensions.**

## UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

**AETNA LIFE INSURANCE**
401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE
01-837 6494
Life Funds

| | Bid | Offer | Chng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Squirrel | 12.05 | 12.73 | +0.01 | -- |
| Bear | 12.35 | 13.02 | -0.01 | -- |
| Owl | 15.27 | 16.08 | +0.05 | -- |
| Bull | 13.73 | 14.46 | +0.06 | -- |
| Stag | 14.16 | 14.91 | +0.06 | -- |
| Gilt Edged | 11.96 | | -- | -- |
| Deposit | 11.0 | | + -- | -- |
| Pensons | | | | |
| Squirrel | 13.91 | 14.65 | +0.02 | -- |
| Bear | 14.44 | 15.20 | +0.05 | -- |
| Owl | 16.73 | 16.72 | +0.07 | -- |
| Bull | 16.65 | 17.53 | +0.08 | -- |
| Stag | 16.66 | 17.57 | +0.08 | -- |
| Gilt Edged | 13.33 | | +0.01 | -- |
| Deposit | 12.11 | | +0.02 | -- |
| Exempt App Mixed | 185.3 | 189.1 | +0.71 | -- |

**ABBEY LIFE**
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0202 292373

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Property Fund Inc | 259.8 | 273.5 | +0.2 | -- |
| Do Accum | 389.0 | 408.5 | +0.3 | -- |
| Equity Fund Income | 114.3 | 120.4 | +0.6 | -- |
| Do Accum | 129.7 | 136.8 | +0.5 | -- |
| Selective Fund | 297.3 | 313.0 | +0.6 | -- |
| Money Fund | 247.9 | 261.0 | +0.3 | -- |
| Prop Fd Ser 4 | 308.2 | 324.5 | +0.3 | -- |
| Equity Ser 4 | 133.9 | 141.0 | +0.4 | -- |
| Man Ser 4 | 278.7 | 293.7 | +0.8 | -- |
| Conv Ser 4 | 221.4 | 233.1 | +0.3 | -- |
| Money Ser 4 | 221.2 | 232.9 | +0.2 | -- |
| Fixed Int Fd Ser 4 | 217.7 | 229.3 | +0.3 | -- |
| American Ser 4 | 249.5 | 263.2 | -1.6 | -- |
| High Inc Ser 4 | 389.5 | 410.0 | +0.4 | -- |
| Indexed Inv Ser 4 | 129.3 | 136.2 | -0.2 | -- |
| Japan Ser 4 | 278.4 | 293.1 | +1.3 | -- |

**ALBANY LIFE**
3, Dantes Lane, Potters Bar
0707 42311

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Equity Fd Acc | 910.4 | 958.3 | +3.5 | -- |
| European Fd Accum | 199.6 | 210.1 | +0.5 | -- |
| Fixed Int Acc | 336.2 | 353.9 | +0.3 | -- |
| Gtd Money Fd Acc | 225.1 | 236.9 | +0.2 | -- |
| Int Man Fd Acc | 348.9 | 367.2 | +0.5 | -- |
| Int Fxd Int Fd Acc | 189.9 | 200.4 | -0.1 | -- |
| Japan Fund | 283.2 | 298.1 | +1.2 | -- |
| Nth American Fd Acc | 145.3 | 152.9 | -0.2 | -- |
| Prop Fd Acc | 296.3 | 314.0 | +1.1 | -- |
| Multiple Inv Acc | 619.7 | 652.3 | +1.8 | -- |

**ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE**
Swindon SN1 1EL
0793-514514

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fixed Int Dep Accum | 250.7 | 263.9 | +0.3 | -- |
| Equity Accum | 743.5 | 782.7 | +3.0 | -- |
| Property Accum | 455.4 | 479.4 | +3.1 | -- |
| Far East Accum | 178.6 | 188.3 | +1.7 | -- |
| Managed Capital | 343.9 | 362.0 | +1.3 | -- |
| Do Accum | 591.6 | 623.0 | +2.3 | -- |
| Overseas Accum | 492.9 | 518.9 | +2.4 | -- |
| Gt Edged Accum | 267.7 | 281.8 | +0.6 | -- |
| Amer Equity Accum | 349.1 | 367.5 | +6.0 | -- |
| Amer Man Accum | 163.7 | 172.4 | +2.5 | -- |
| Amer Prop Accum | 124.3 | 130.9 | -- | -- |

**BALTIC ASSURANCE**
25-26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD
01-493 9899

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Managed Growth | 298.3 | 314.0 | +0.30 | -- |
| Managed Income | 134.0 | 141.0 | -0.08 | -- |
| International | 177.2 | 186.5 | -0.11 | -- |
| High Income | 198.2 | 208.7 | +0.15 | -- |
| Income & Growth | 272.9 | 286.9 | +0.26 | -- |
| Basic Resource | 112.6 | 117.4 | -0.75 | -- |
| American | 145.8 | 153.5 | +1.62 | -- |
| Japan & General | 452.6 | 479.4 | +10.04 | -- |
| Special Situations | 238.9 | 251.5 | +0.05 | -- |

**BARCLAYS LIFE**
252, Romford Rd, London E7 8JB
01-534 5544

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Equity Accum | 559.0 | 588.5 | +1.4 | -- |
| Do Insal | 457.1 | 481.2 | +1.1 | -- |
| Gilt Edged Accum | 234.2 | 246.6 | -0.3 | -- |
| Do Insal | 193.3 | 203.5 | -0.1 | -- |
| International Accum | 378.6 | 398.1 | +1.8 | -- |
| Do Insal | 226.9 | 227.8 | +1.8 | -- |
| Managed Accum | 362.9 | 382.1 | +0.9 | -- |
| Do Insal | 298.6 | 313.7 | +0.8 | -- |
| Money Accum | 196.3 | 206.7 | +0.3 | -- |
| Do Insal | 158.1 | 164.4 | +0.2 | -- |
| Property Accum | 284.8 | 299.8 | +0.2 | -- |
| Do Insal | 231.4 | 243.6 | -- | -- |
| America Accum | 151.5 | 159.5 | +1.2 | -- |
| Do Insal | 122.2 | 128.6 | -0.2 | -- |
| Australia Accum | 168.5 | 176.3 | +1.0 | -- |
| Do Insal | 139.0 | 146.4 | -0.1 | -- |
| Financial Accum | 349.2 | 367.4 | +1.8 | -- |
| Do Insal | 287.9 | 298.6 | +1.3 | -- |
| 500 Accum | 310.8 | 317.7 | +0.8 | -- |
| Do Insal | 248.0 | 261.0 | +0.8 | -- |
| Japan &Gen Acc 2 | 430.6 | 453.3 | +0.4 | -- |
| Do Insal 2 | 351.7 | 370.3 | +4.8 | -- |
| Income Accum | 314.4 | 331.0 | +1.9 | -- |
| Do Insal | 270.9 | 274.7 | -- | -- |
| Leisure Accum | 200.8 | 211.4 | -0.1 | -- |
| Special Sits Accum | 153.4 | 161.5 | +1.0 | -- |
| Univ Tech Accum | 103.6 | 109.1 | -0.2 | -- |
| Do Insal | 88.4 | 93.1 | -0.5 | -- |

**BLACK HORSE LIFE**
Mountbatten House Chatham Kent ME4 4JF
0634 834000

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| The Managed Fund | 448.47 | | +1.45 | -- |
| Income Fund | 444.9 | 468.3 | +3.06 | -- |
| Extra Income Fund | 414.2 | 436.0 | +1.58 | -- |
| Worldwide Growth Fd | 239.8 | 315.6 | +0.74 | -- |
| Balanced Fund | 365.6 | 375.3 | +5.07 | -- |
| Smlr Co's & Pic Fd | 342.3 | 370.8 | +1.46 | -- |
| Int Technology Fund | 288.7 | 305.0 | -0.80 | -- |
| N Amer & Gen Fund | 195.1 | 205.4 | -4.34 | -- |
| Energy Inc Fund | 116.0 | 121.1 | -4.27 | -- |
| Pacific Basin Fund | 278.1 | 291.2 | +5.85 | -- |
| German Growth Fd | 109.4 | 112.0 | -1.16 | -- |
| Japan Growth Fd | 177.7 | 187.1 | +4.38 | -- |
| The UK Gth Fd | 188.6 | 195.4 | +0.50 | -- |
| Contl Euro Gth | 67.71 | 71.28 | +0.20 | -- |
| Property Fund | 250.5 | 274.2 | +0.16 | -- |
| Fixed Interest Fund | 214.0 | 225.2 | -0.26 | -- |
| Cash Fund | 153.2 | 209.3 | +0.27 | -- |
| Managed Inv Fund | 282.4 | 297.5 | +1.22 | -- |
| Nth Amer Recov | 109.5 | 115.3 | -2.89 | -- |

**CANADA LIFE**
2-6, High St, Potters Bar, Herts
P Bar 51122

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Equity Growth | 186.5 | | | |
| Managed | 200.3 | 210.9 | +0.7 | -- |
| Property | 158.2 | 166.5 | +0.1 | -- |
| Gilt & Fixed Int | 154.0 | 162.2 | -0.2 | -- |
| Index-Linked | 129.8 | 136.5 | -0.7 | -- |
| Equity | 217.7 | 229.2 | +0.4 | -- |
| Cash | 153.8 | 161.4 | +0.4 | -- |
| Midland Bk UT | 215.9 | 227.3 | -0.4 | -- |
| Midland Bk Int | 212.4 | 223.6 | -- | -- |

**CANNON ASSURANCE**
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Equity Units | £79.13 | | +0.91 | |
| Property Units | £29.14 | | -0.27 | |
| Bal Gtd Exec Unit | £38.73 | 40.98 | +0.34 | |
| 2nd Equity Accum | 390.0 | 412.7 | +3.0 | -- |
| 2nd Int Inc/Accum | 375.3 | 397.1 | +2.7 | -- |
| 2nd Property Accum | 263.5 | 300.0 | -- | -- |
| 2nd Managed 2 Acc | 126.0 | 133.3 | +0.1 | -- |
| 2nd Managed Acc | 275.7 | 291.7 | +2.3 | -- |
| 2nd Managed 4 Acc | 118.1 | 125.0 | +0.6 | -- |
| 2nd Deposit Accum | 194.7 | 206.0 | +0.2 | -- |
| 2nd Gtd Accum | 200.4 | 212.1 | +0.8 | -- |
| 2nd Amer Accum | 203.0 | 214.8 | +1.1 | -- |
| 2nd Int Inc/Acc | 95.2 | 206.6 | +2.3 | -- |
| 2nd Index Accum | 122.7 | 129.8 | -0.3 | -- |
| 2nd Far East Accum | 233.4 | 247.0 | +9.3 | -- |
| 2nd Global Accum | 81.3 | 86.0 | +1.2 | -- |
| 2nd Euro Accum | 85.1 | 90.1 | -0.3 | -- |
| 2nd Japan Accum | 154.0 | 163.0 | +1.1 | -- |
| 2nd Heritage Acc | 96.0 | 101.6 | -- | -- |
| 2nd Int Gtd Bond | 92.8 | 98.2 | -0.1 | -- |
| 2nd Strat Opp Acc | 100.3 | 106.1 | +0.9 | -- |

**CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE**
Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd, Gtd Milton Keynes MK9 2LA
0908-68101

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Property Fund | 168.1 | 177.0 | -- | -- |
| Money Fund | 256.2 | 269.7 | +0.3 | -- |
| Managed Fund | 470.5 | 495.3 | +2.0 | -- |
| Equity Fund | 366.3 | 385.6 | +2.3 | -- |
| Fixed Interest Fund | 164.8 | 173.5 | +1.8 | -- |
| Far East Fund | 246.0 | 259.0 | +0.8 | -- |
| Nth Amer Fund | 105.3 | 110.9 | -2.1 | -- |
| Nat Resources Fund | 191.3 | 201.4 | -0.5 | -- |
| Alexandra Fund | 112.6 | 118.6 | -- | -- |

**CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL**
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0272 290566
Assurance Funds

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mixed | 160.4 | 168.9 | +0.6 | -- |
| Equity | 167.9 | 197.8 | +0.1 | -- |
| Property | 175.1 | 184.5 | +0.4 | -- |
| Gilt & Fixed Int | 130.8 | 137.7 | -0.1 | -- |
| Indexed Secs | 109.6 | 115.6 | +0.2 | -- |
| Cash | 125.0 | 131.6 | +0.2 | -- |
| Nth American | 99.0 | 104.3 | +0.3 | -- |
| Far East | 180.5 | 189.9 | +3.0 | -- |
| International | 122.2 | 128.7 | +1.0 | -- |
| Special Sits | 180.8 | 190.4 | +2.4 | -- |
| Inv Income | 166.6 | 175.4 | +0.2 | -- |
| American Inc | 97.0 | 102.2 | -0.7 | -- |
| European | 158.4 | 166.8 | +1.9 | -- |
| Japanese | 119.9 | 126.3 | +1.7 | -- |
| Far East | 98.0 | 103.2 | +1.3 | -- |
| Hsme Inv WP Reg | 99.3 | 104.5 | +0.1 | -- |
| Home Inv WP Spec | 99.3 | 104.6 | +0.1 | -- |
| Flexible Retirement Plans Funds | | | | |
| Mixed | 158.9 | 167.3 | +0.2 | -- |
| Equity | 174.2 | 183.4 | -0.5 | -- |
| Property | 163.4 | 172.0 | +0.6 | -- |
| Gilt & Fixed Int | 147.4 | 155.2 | +0.3 | -- |
| Index Linked | 116.4 | 122.6 | +0.4 | -- |
| Cash | 140.6 | 148.1 | +0.3 | -- |
| Nth American | 104.5 | 110.2 | -- | -- |
| Far East Acc | 200.3 | 214.0 | +2.4 | -- |
| International Acc | 140.4 | 147.8 | +0.6 | -- |
| Special Sits | 250.9 | 263.6 | +1.8 | -- |
| European Flex | 188.8 | 198.6 | +1.0 | -- |

**COLONIAL MUTUAL**
24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD
01-248 9861

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| CML U Ass Key | 172.22 | | | |
| CML U Ass Pacentrid | 219.97 | | | |
| CML U Ass Cash | 139.7 | 147.0 | -- | -- |
| CML U Ass Equity | 330.9 | 347.4 | -- | -- |
| CML U Ass-Fi | 216.4 | 227.8 | -- | -- |
| CML U Ass-Managed | 254.6 | 268.0 | -- | -- |
| CML U Ass-Prop | 331.4 | 348.8 | -- | -- |
| CMU Pen Cash Cap | 141.9 | 149.4 | -- | -- |
| CMU Pen Cash Inv | 168.1 | 176.9 | -- | -- |
| CMU Pen Equity Cap | 759.7 | 799.7 | -- | -- |
| CMU Pen Equity Inv | 899.8 | 947.2 | -- | -- |
| CMU Pen Fixed Cap | 238.8 | 251.4 | -- | -- |
| CMU Pen Fixed Inv | 282.9 | 297.7 | -- | -- |
| CMU Pen Indx Cap | 143.5 | 151.1 | -- | -- |
| CMU Pen Indx Inv | 170.0 | 179.0 | -- | -- |
| CMU Pen Man Cap | 359.9 | 374.7 | -- | -- |
| CMU Pen Man Inv | 421.6 | 443.8 | -- | -- |

**COMMERCIAL UNION**
St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3
01-283 7500

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Var Ann Accum (5) | 328.68 | | -- | -- |
| Var Ann (5) | 64.35 | | -- | -- |
| Prime- Managed | 258.2 | 271.9 | +0.4 | -- |
| Prime- UK Equity | 312.0 | 328.5 | +0.6 | -- |
| Prime- Int Equity | 188.5 | 198.6 | +1.1 | -- |
| Prime- Property | 170.0 | 179.0 | +0.7 | -- |
| Prime- Fixed Interest | 160.3 | 168.8 | -0.3 | -- |
| Prime- Index-Linked | 114.0 | 120.1 | +0.2 | -- |
| Prime- Cash | 136.4 | 143.6 | -0.2 | -- |

**CONFEDERATION LIFE**
50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE
01-242 0262

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Managed Fund | 716.4 | 754.1 | | |
| Equity Fund | 99.8 | 1047.1 | -- | -- |
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| Life High Inc Accum | 482.8 | 508.2 | +3.6 | -- |
| Life Property Accum | 224.2 | 235.9 | +0.1 | -- |
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| Brown Equity | 677.2 | 712.8 | -- | -- |
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| Index-Linked | 129.8 | 136.5 | -0.7 | -- |
| Equity | 217.7 | 229.2 | +0.4 | -- |
| Cash | 153.8 | 161.4 | +0.4 | -- |
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| Gth Prop Series 2 | 136.4 | 144.3 | +0.1 | -- |
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| Cash | 107.0 | 113.2 | +0.2 | -- |
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| Overseas | 84.3 | 89.2 | +0.2 | -- |

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| Adventurous Fund | 154.9 | 163.1 | +0.9 | -- |
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| Fixed Interest Fund | 270.1 | 284.3 | +0.1 | -- |
| Index-Linked Scs Fd | 117.5 | 123.6 | +0.1 | -- |
| Gtd Deposit Fund | 197.4 | 207.7 | +0.3 | -- |
| Nth America Fund | 183.4 | 193.0 | -1.4 | -- |
| Far East Fund | 361.5 | 380.0 | +2.6 | -- |
| Europe Fund | 202.5 | 213.1 | +0.3 | -- |
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| Stewardship | 201.5 | 214.0 | +0.7 | -- |
| Overseas Equity | 168.5 | 177.4 | +0.7 | -- |
| Ninth American | 78.3 | 82.5 | +0.1 | -- |
| Pacific Basin | 100.3 | 105.6 | +1.4 | -- |
| Japanese | 93.9 | 98.9 | +2.4 | -- |
| Property | 175.7 | 185.0 | -0.1 | -- |
| Fixed Interest | 144.9 | 152.6 | -- | -- |
| Index Linked | 111.2 | 117.1 | -0.1 | -- |
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| GT Plan Far East | 217.6 | 229.1 | +0

# FAMILY MONEY

# Mortgage rises on way

**Vivien Goldsmith foresees a cheerless new year for homeowners**

Homeowners face a bleak New Year, with yet another mortgage rise on the horizon. This follows the rise in base rates yesterday from 12 per cent to 13 per cent. The property market is fairly flat. Estate agents are starting to make staff redundant as they cope with falling demand.

Now the base rate rises have dashed hopes that a revival in the housing market would come about in the spring. Building societies are keen not to dampen the housing market any further by putting mortgage rates up higher than is absolutely necessary.

John Baylis, managing director of the Abbey National Building Society, predicts that investment rates will be raised by half a percentage point and mortgages by three-quarters of a point. This would bring the Abbey's mortgage rates to 13.5 per cent for mortgages under £60,000 and 13 per cent for larger loans.

He said: "We are all going to sit and wait for a bit, but assuming that there are no further changes in base rates – and that is far from certain – investment and mortgage rates will have to rise."

Nationwide Anglia, Britain's third largest building society, said it was comfortable with the current mortgage rate of 12.75 per cent, since inflows to building societies are healthy. So the fate of the mortgage rate depends chiefly on the competitive position in the savings market. If the banks increase their savers' rates and draw funds away from the building societies, says the Nationwide, the building societies will have to counter with rises for savers, which will drag mortgage rates upwards.

Midland Bank will not be taking a snap decision on its mortgage rate, which is rather high at 13.2 per cent. But it cannot live with even that rate while base rates are at 13 per cent, so a rise is on the cards before the year is out.

Philip Wibberley, mortgages product manager at Midland Bank, said: "Some analysts believe that this rise in base rates in insufficient and that further rises are on the way. We don't want to keep changing the mortgage rate.

"We want to see whether 13 per cent is a new level or a stepping stone to further rate rises. If we think it is going further, then we would like to reflect that in the new rate."

Britain's largest building society, the Halifax, whose mortgage rate is 12.75 per cent, said it would consider raising the mortgage rate over the next two or three weeks.

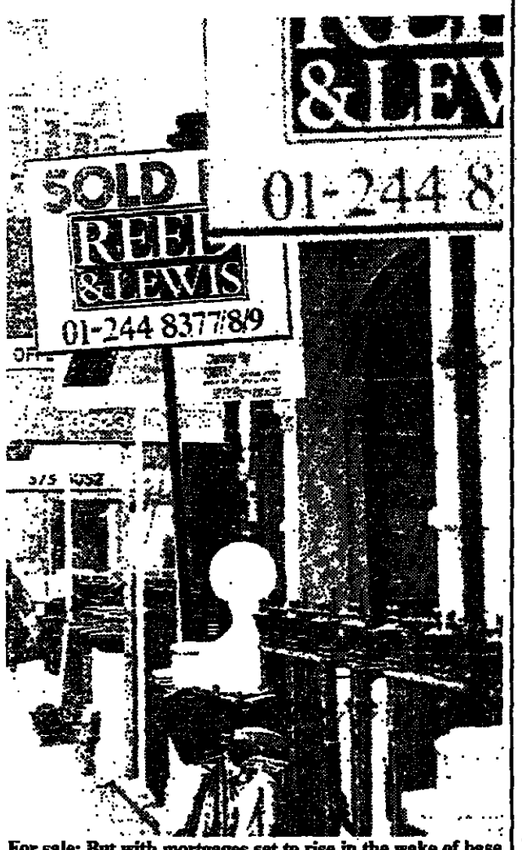
Jim Birrell, chief executive of the Halifax, said: "We are disappointed with the rise in base rates as the housing market shows clear signs of slowing down following the rise in rates in the summer. Retail savers' funds are still strong. We have no immediate plan for an increase in mortgage rates but the possibility is not being discounted."

Seventy per cent of the Halifax's 1.6 million borrowers are in an annual review system, which means that the amount they pay on their mortgage is reviewed only once a year. The rate is set at the end of January and applied from April. These borrowers, now paying 10.3 per cent, are likely to be faced with a three percentage point rise.

After starting the year at about 10 per cent, mortgage rates moved down to 9.5 per cent in May. Then the rises began with a move to 11.5 per cent in June and July and up again to the current levels of 12.75 to 13.2 at the end of the summer.

○ Fixed rate mortgages as low at 11.25 per cent are still on offer.

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**Angry students demonstrating against loans on Thursday**

# Bankers grapple with student loans

**The bankers looking at student loans met the Government this week to see how a loans system might be put into practice. But the banks are still distinctly cool about the idea of handing out loans indiscriminately to students as part of a package.**

**The students themselves are more than cool about the idea as the demonstration in central London on Thursday showed. The Government had hoped to finalize a system for channelling loans through banks by the end of the year. This possibility now looks remote.**

**The banks were angry that the scheme was announced without their being consulted. They were further angered when the Government let it be known that it was considering using Girobank as a channel for student loans.**

**The problem is that the banks want to keep control of their relations with their customers.**

**They point out that even though all motorists must by law be insured, insurance companies cannot be forced to insure any particular individual. And they believe they should not be forced to lend money to all-comers.**

**The banks are also miffed that they were not consulted before the announcement about student loans was made.**

**In fact, most students already survive their years at college with bank loans. But this is very different from the banks being rail-roaded into giving loans willy-nilly.**

**The banks, quite rightly, fear that because the loans system is so unpopular with students, they will resent the banks' administering it.**

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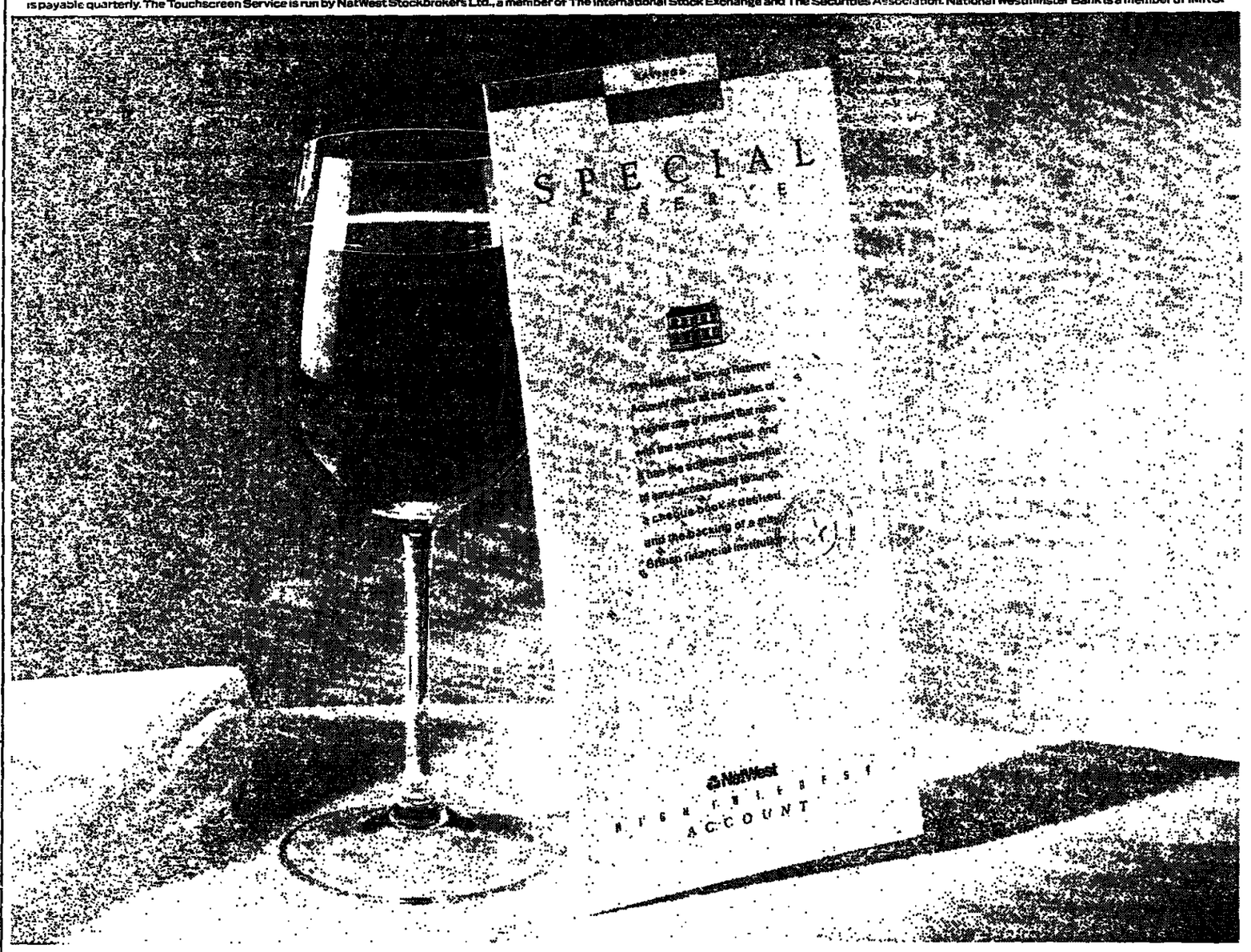
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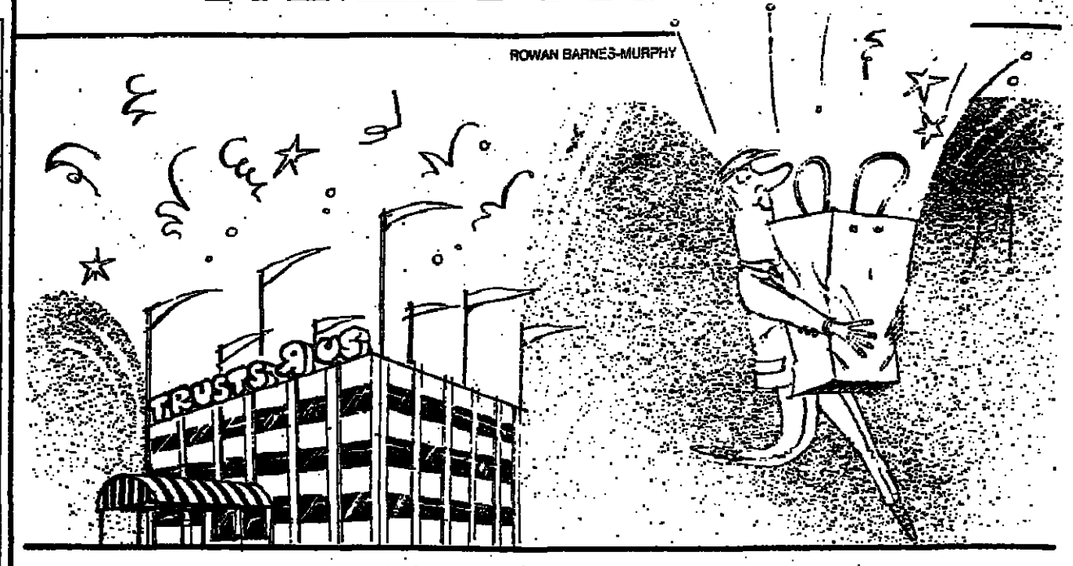
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# Trusty favourites

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**Peter Walls of Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank:**

**Fleming Mercantile, Electra and Govett Oriental.**

**Fleming Mercantile** invests in emerging companies, with the unquoted companies content of the portfolio rising towards 20 per cent. Mr Walls thinks the Robert Fleming management has made a serious commitment to investment trusts. "The performance of this trust will not necessarily be stunning, but I would expect it to be above average for long-term growth. It is one to lock away," he says.

**Electra** has built up a reputation for investing in "a lot of scary esoteric markets," says Mr Walls. "There is always something going on in one of their investments. If it had a savings scheme, I would be the first to join it."

**Govett Oriental** looks cheap on fundamentals, says Mr Walls. "I would take this one with a one-year view." Fifty-five per cent of its portfolio is invested in Japan. "I'm interested in the smaller Asian markets such as Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia," Mr Walls says.

There are fewer Japanese and Far Eastern trusts since the demise of Drayton Japan and Crescent Japan, which all helps to fuel demand for the remaining trusts.

**Peter Lilley of County Natwest Woodmac:**

He believes private investors should head for the large general trusts. He explains: "I don't see the point in buying an investment trust and doing your own asset allocation."

He likes **F&C**, Foreign & Colonial's large general trust which stands at a 21.5 per cent discount and **Scottish Investment Trust**. "It's the only independently managed trust in Scotland. It's a steady long-term performer."

He is also a fan of **Temple Bar**, which has an above-average yield forecast of 5.3 per cent.

**John Szymanowski of Warburg Securities:**

"For capital growth it would have to be **River and Mercantile Geared**; for a mixture of capital growth and income, **S & P Return of Assets, ordinary shares**. In Japan it would be **GT Japan** and for the Far East **Fleming Far East**, and for Europe it would have to be **F & C Eurotrust**.

"But for a good long-term special situation trust I would go for **RIT Capital Partners**." This investment trust was launched in July last year with a distribution of shares to shareholders of J. Rothschild Holdings.

The attraction for Mr Szymanowski is the involvement of Jacob Rothschild and Jimmy Goldsmith. "They are impressive guys," he says. He likes some of their investments: such as a "smart" pay-phone which will re-dial a busy number for you every 15 minutes and leave a pre-recorded message (the company found that 60 per cent of the messages were from people telling lies and saying they were somewhere else), and Lydd Airport.

John Szymanowski is a fan of split capital trusts, where there are at least two classes of shares — one takes the lion's share of the capital growth and the other the income from the securities. **River & Mercantile** would be his choice for capital shares.

**Nigel Russell of James Capel, Edinburgh:**

He believes that investment trusts are an excellent way of buying a slice of the action in management buy-outs — or MBOs as they are called. He favours the big trusts in this area. He says: "The institutions are big players, so you know you are getting good value. His pick is **Candover Investments, Electra Investment Trust** and **Murray Ventures**.

**Electra** is the largest with £424 million of assets invested 70 per cent in the UK and 30 per cent in North America. A joint venture with **Candover** puts £260 million into MBOs.

**Murray Ventures** is Murray Johnstone's quoted vehicle for unlisted investment and acts as a showcase for the management. "All these funds are run by excellent individuals but the teams are greater than the sums of their parts," says Mr Russell.

**Vivien Goldsmith**

# UK provides the winners

**Trusts investing in the UK make the main running in the 10-year performance race, *writes Maria Scott*. The capital shares of the split-level trust Rights & Issues has produced the biggest gain over 10 years, according to Micropal. The trust, incidentally, invests in small to medium size UK companies.**

**Rights & Issues is run by Discretionery Unit Fund Managers, an associate company of the stockbrokers Greig, Middleton. The investment manager, Simon Knott, says performance has been particularly good in the last three years. small to medium size companies have generally done well. Runner-up Lowland, managed by Henderson Administration also invests in the UK. It includes shares in Henderson Administration itself. Moorgate, in third place, is an independent investment trust managed by Anthony Simonian, specialing in small to medium size UK companies.**

**Performance tables for investment trusts can give only a rough indication of trends.**

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**The capital shares of split-level trusts — four feature in this top-ten — are not directly comparable to the shares of a conventional investment trust.**

● *Split capital savings scheme, page 29*

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Ten years to November 1988 £100 invested, with income reinvested

| | Trust | £ |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Rights & Iss — Cap | 1,750 |
| 2 | Lowland | 1,257.0 |
| 3 | Moorgate | 1,174.2 |
| 4 | M&G Sec Dual — Cap | 1,151.0 |
| 5 | English Nat — Def | 1,047.4 |
| 6 | Fleming Japanese | 1,041.0 |
| 7 | Whitbread | 1,041.0 |
| 8 | Scottish & Mercantile | 1,009.9 |
| 9 | S&P Linked — Cap | 1,008.9 |
| 10 | City Com 88/93 — Cap | 1,008.9 |
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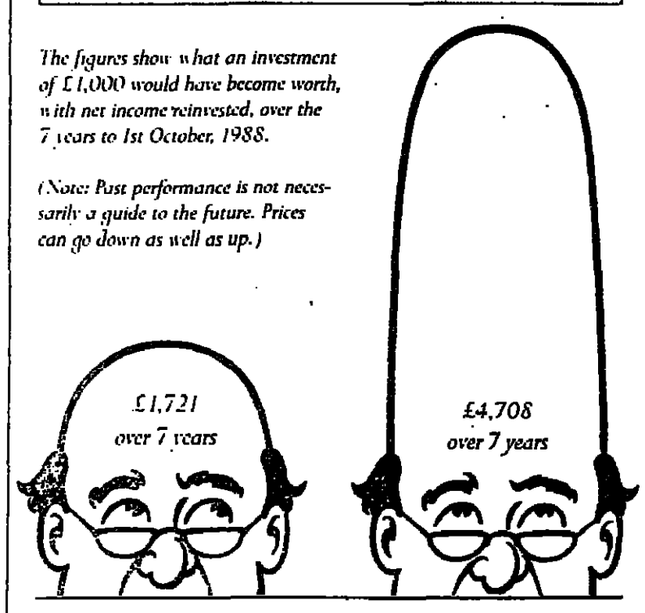
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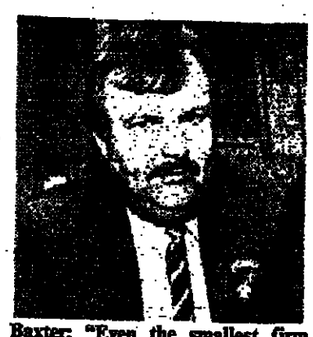
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Are the days of the small, independent private client stockbroker numbered? Barely a week goes by without one such firm announcing that it is teaming up with one of its rivals or is joining one of the big broker networks such as Allied Provincial or National Investment Group.

A Huddersfield-based stockbroker, BWD Securities, quoted on the unlisted securities market, is buying a rival northern firm, Rensburg, for £7.8 million to form BWD Rensburg, and Lloyds Bank Stockbrokers is to buy the Birmingham-based brokers Chambers and Remington for an undisclosed amount.

Recently Humberside brokers Fowler Sutton, and Huddersfield's Robert Ramsden announced a merger, the new beast being called Northern Stockbrokers, and London private client specialist Schaverien merged with Charlton Seal, part of the Malaysian-owned Benchmark Group.

It was only in July that the Yorkshire Building Society took up a stake of almost 12 per cent in BWD, while Henry Cooke Lumsden recently announced it was merging with Edingtons, the Manchester merchant bank. Leslie Baxter of Robert Ramsden — a broker of the old school — feels more than just a few regrets about the link-up with Fowler Sutton.



Baxter: "Even the smallest firm needs a quarter of a million now."

"We wanted to remain independent, but we have been forced into a merger," he says. "The Financial Services Act places considerable financial and administrative pressures on individuals firms. I don't believe the authorities want small firms to survive. They are asking for too large a capital base and for a heavy cost in meeting compliance regulations. Even the smallest firm has to have a quarter of a million pounds now."

Rensburg is one of the biggest firms in the North of England, with 140 staff and offices in Liverpool, Leeds and Bradford. Together with BWD, the group will have 35,000 clients and about £600 million under management. For Martin Cooke of Rensburg the old partnership structure has become an anachronism. "There was no way of accumulating capital as a partnership, making it difficult to invest in technology. As the older partners retired ,there could have been a problem in the future in satisfying the capital requirements of the Financial Services Act."

Unlike Baxter, Cooke is not so pessimistic about the fate of the independent broking firm. "There will probably always be people willing to offer a service handling back office administration and business will always come to a firm with a good reputation."

The connection between Chambers and Remington and Lloyds Bank goes back some time, for Lloyds used to be a Birmingham Bank. Carlton Blackshaw sees his firm's link-up as a "prudent move to ensure our private clients have the strength and facilities of a major institution behind them".

Blackshaw is another broker pessimistic about the fate of small firms. "The day of the small firm is finally coming to an end. All this technology, computer programs and the like is so expensive."

But not every regional broker intends merging or being submerged into another bigger group. Even though Leeds-based private client firm Redmayne Bentley, with 20,000 clients on its books, is facing competition from newcomers to the City. partner Bob Howe does not see a need to lower the drawbridge. "We are probably even more pig-headed about maintaining our independence now than we were at the time of Big Bang. Although the capital requirements of the Financial Services Act may have worried many small firms, we aren't too bothered."

The provincial broking firms tend to have more time to deal with clients and have never forgotten what "service" means. Indeed, Robert Ramsden has only recently changed its pre-Big Bang dealing rates. With a minimum commission for a full service of just £10 for up to £500 of shares, it must still be one of the cheapest brokers in the country.

Robin Woodhead is chief executive of National Investment Group which has 25 offices around the country and appears to be expanding all the time. He also believes the era of the small independent stockbroking firm is ending. "Really small firms are either going to have to seek partners or become boutique operations. They will be forced into this position by The Securities Association's insistence on adequate capitalisation and by the increasing competition from the banks, the execution-only services and the larger groups like ourselves."

**Simon Rose**

# Childhood nostalgia puts a price on the toybox

**Four auctions are coming up, providing examples of what generations have given children for Christmas in the past, and no doubt will continue to do so in the future: toys and dolls, books and trains, *writes Arda Lacey*. Today's buyers, however, are mainly adults in search of nostalgia.**

**Dinky and Corgi toys, bought for and by boys of all ages and available in the 1950s for shillings, are now selling for pounds. A 1950 boxed gift set of Dinky No.4 Racing Cars containing a Ferrari, Masserati, Cooper Bristol, Alfa Romeo, HWM, originally costing 12/6d (62½p), can now fetch £400 if in mint condition.**





**Drawings: acceptable gifts and worthwhile investments**

**Funds towards future education may well be in our children's hands, if taught to look after their Christmas gifts and not discard original boxes. "These can add to one-third of the value," says Duncan Chilcott of Bonham's.**

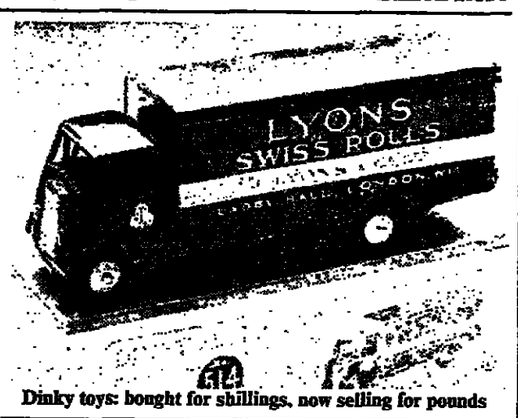
**In their July 1988 sale of Dinky toys (1934-1964), a 1959 514 Guy Van, advertising Lyons Rolls, went for £150. I see that the same model with original box is to be auctioned on Wednesday, December 14, at Phillips West Two Salerooms. "This may give some indication of the difference in condition between two identical models," explains Chilcott. One may have been a favourite plaything, whereas the Phillips', in pristine condition, comes from a single private English collector, who has assembled probably the most comprehensive selection manufactured in the Dinky factory in Liverpool. The same criteria may be applied to trains and dolls to be found in the sales.**

**Illustrated children's books and related drawings are also acceptable gifts and worthwhile investments for children and young-at-heart collectors. Sotheby's sales on December 1 and 2 offer attractive book illustrations some suitable for framing for nurseries and elsewhere.**

**As nostaglia seems to play so great a part in the increasing values, perhaps we should think 20, 30 or even 40 years ahead, when selecting toys.**

**Will Barbie, Thomas the Tank Engine, Postman Pat, toy horses or computer games be the ones that will survive current crazes and make today's children want to own them again at any price in the next century?**

**Whatever the gift, consider quality, not size. Small and beautiful is always desirable.**




Dinky toys: bought for shillings, now selling for pounds

## THE NURSERY BOX AUCTIONS

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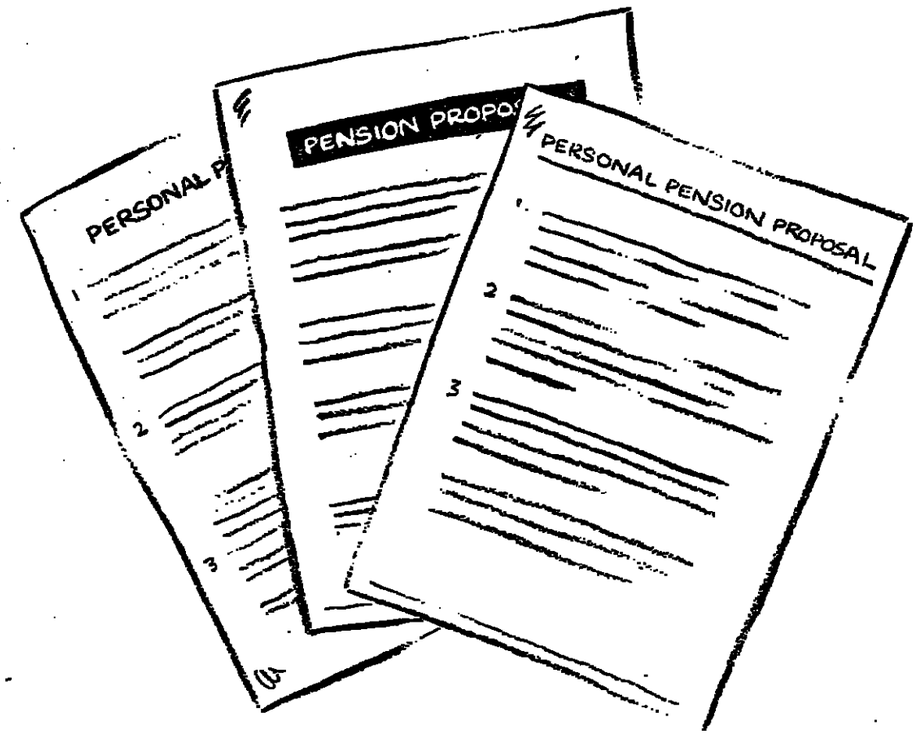
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# FAMILY MONEY

# The Beaune price goes up as quantity falls

**Conal Gregory sniffs around the auctions**

By the flickering light of a candle, the auctioneer at last Sunday's Hospices de Beaune sale recorded a 25 per cent price rise for the new wine of Burgundy. This auction, held almost every year since 1859, sets the tone for Burgundy. Though it is difficult to judge this year's crop at the pre-sale tasting held before the third Sunday in November, buyers – both trade and private clients – consider the auction prices a good indication of the investment potential.

Overall, the quality of the Burgundy vintage of 1988 is good, but of reduced quantity. After a mild winter, the flowering took place early. However, hail and frost reduced the yields. In June there was such dramatic flooding that people had to be rescued from their houses in Puligny, a village noted for its fine whites.

Tim Marshall, who acts for several leading British wine companies and is based at Nuits St Georges, calls the year "the fourth successive good vintage" and compares the quality of the reds with 1985. Certainly, the samples show deep colour and have a good structure.

The red prices at the Hospices auction reflected this quality, jumping over 34.4 per cent. Last year many merchants forecast a fall but actually saw a 9 per cent increase in price.

The opening lot set the trend. Beaune, Dames Hospitalières, made 32,000 to 35,000 French francs per *pièce* or cask of 228 litres. Last year Beaune, Nicolas Rolin achieved fr27,000-fr29,000. The noted Beaune *nègociant* of Patriarche Père et Fils was, as usual, the successful first bidder.

This year the charity auction in Beaune offered 590 *pièces* of red Burgundy, by comparison with 433 last year, and 111 of white, up from just 73 in 1987.



The auctioneer, left, at the Hospice de Beaune, above, sits in front of a lighted candle. When a bid is accepted, an aide extinguishes the flame and the candle is relit for the next lot

## Fair for Chablis and Maconnais

In white Burgundy, the news is of an abundant crop in Chassagne and Puligny Montrachet but a slightly lower yield in Meursault. Fair yields are also reported for Chablis and the Maconnais district. The auction recorded white wine prices down 8.57 per cent on average. Last year they rose 3.5 per cent.

Large stocks in the United States, plus a weak dollar, have brought UK buyers to the fore, along with bidders from Japan, West Germany and the traditionally strong Burgundy market of Switzerland.

Though Burgundy is only about a fifth the size of Bordeaux – its main French rival for quality investment wines – it is split into many sub-divisions. Excluding the Beaujolais district of southern Burgundy are 84 regional or commune Appellations, 467 Premier Crus and 34 Grand Crus, represented by more than 5,000 growers and 150 *négociants*. Good advice is therefore essential.

On current vintages, 1986 reds are rather variable, the 1985 has style and a fruity Pinot Noir complexity akin to '78. The 1984s lack concentration. Look for longevity on the 1983.

On white Burgundy, look no further than 1986 for balanced acidity and elegance, although both 1985 and 1981 have style, while there will be little more price appreciation on 1979.

Hospices de Beaune wines do appear later at London auctions. Sotheby's sold 1983 Beaune Betault for £190 a dozen bottles in April, and Beaune, Guigone de Salins 1952 for £220 under bond in June last year. It sold 1928, 1930 and 1933 Hospices wine in September. David Molyneux-Berry of Sotheby's, says the oldest he can remember selling was 1923 Volnay-Santenots, Gauvain last December in half bottles.

On Sunday, several UK merchants bid successfully. They included Berry Bros and Rudd of Houndmills, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2YH (Beaune, Brunet), Jackson Nugent Vintners of 60 High Street, Wimbledon Village, London, SW19 5EE (Pommard, Billardet), Old Maltings Wine Co of Hall Street, Long Melford, Suffolk CO10 9JB (Volnay, Général Muteau), Harrods (Beaune, Maurice Drouhin), Eldridge Pope of Dorchester (Corton, Charlotte Dumay) and Yorkshire Fine Wines Co of Nun Monkton, North Yorkshire YO5 8ET (Pommard, Dames de la Charité). Among those with good extensive Burgundy ranges to form a balanced portfolio, from whom you can seek good advice are Lay and Wheeler, 6 Culver Street West, Colchester, Essex CO1 1JA; Averys, 7 Park Street, Bristol, Avon BS1 5NG; Justerini and Brooks (particularly for Bouchard Père wines), 61 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1LZ, and Tanners (especially white Burgundies), 26 Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury SY1 1XD.

● *The writer is a Master of Wine*

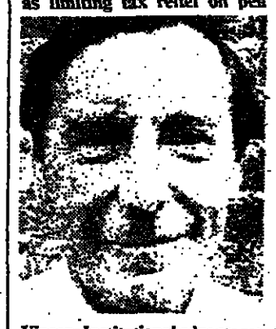
## Balanced acidity and elegance.

# Tax win 'for the rich'

**Tax relief on pension contributions should be restricted to iron out inequalities in the investment system and to encourage saving, says the Wider Ownership Group, part of the Centre for Policy Studies. Lord Vinson, chairman of the Wider Ownership Group, has written to the Chancellor to say that it seems wrong to offer tax privileges on pension contributions to wealthy individuals who have benefited from big tax cuts, *writes Maria Scott*.**

**He said: "Now they have more money they should save on their own account, not least because every tax concession given to them erodes the general tax base and raises it for everyone else . . . one man's tax benefit is another man's tax rise."**

**He suggests a ceiling, say £3000 a year, beyond which contributions would no longer qualify for relief. The Chancellor should make 1989 a Budget for savers and as well as limiting tax relief on pension contributions, personal equity plans (Peps) should be improved. There should be no need to register new plans each year, they should be able to invest more widely and savers should be able to contribute up to £10,000 a year.**



Vinson: Institutional advantages

**Lord Vinson also urges the Chancellor to let individuals have the same roll-over relief available to institutions. This would allow individuals to pay capital gains tax only when they encash an investment and not each time they switch from one share or unit trust to another.**

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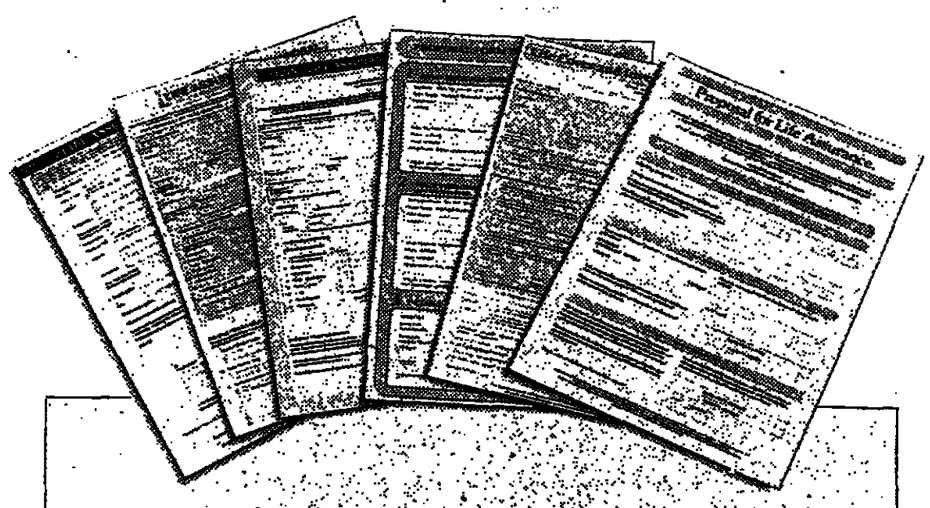
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# FAMILY MONEY

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## Whose house is it anyway?

Having recently redeemed a mortgage on my house, I applied to the local building society for the title deeds, which presumably became my property from the date of redemption. I was told that they had been sent to a local firm of solicitors, from which I could obtain them on payment of £5.18.

When I protested, I was told that unless I paid the solicitor his fee, the building society would still have a lien on my property despite the fact that the mortgage had been redeemed.

To add insult to injury, I was told the solicitor would not hand them over before January 8, two months after the mortgage had been redeemed. My own solicitor, being consulted, said the practice was normal, and that some building societies charged more.

Legal delays certainly have come to be accepted as a normal fact of life, but not. I hope, holding other people's property to ransom.

JOHN MORRISON
Great Shelford
Cambridge CB2 5JX

*The Building Societies Association explains:*

*Just as a new mortgage has to be entered into on a proper legal basis, so must it be terminated in the same way. When a mortgage is redeemed, a form of statutory receipt will have to be completed by the building society and if the land is registered, the redemption has to be registered at the Land Registry. Also, a search is usually made at the registry to check that no other mortgages exist. The building society will generally have the right to have its legal fees paid. Many large societies do not charge the borrower, but pay the solicitor as an overhead. Those that do charge will usually charge more than £5.18.*

### Bank shock

The "standard rudeness" experienced by Ms Burton, (Family Money Letters, November 12) must be all too common in these days when computers spew out reminders which are difficult to stop even if there is no justification for them.

My late mother's bank, however, reached a nadir in customer relations when it sent me the statement closing her account several months after being notified of her death. Though the date of her death was recorded, and three mentions were made of her being deceased, there was a cheery message across the bottom of the page saying *"Thank you for banking with us"*.

My mother was nearly 90 and had been ill for some time, so her death came as no surprise; this message struck me merely as fatuous. It is not hard, though, to envisage circumstances in which this sort of thing, could cause considerable distress — so I wrote to the bank suggesting that their computer might be discouraged from adding such effusions to closing statements for deceased peoples accounts.

I would describe their reply as off-hand in the extreme.

Mrs O. WIKELEY
Carrick Drive
Sevenoaks, Kent



## French with tears

**There could be quite serious risks involved in the purchase of property in France along the lines set out in your recent article (A New Way to Afford That French Cottage, November 5). The article does not state whether the two secondary agreements were made under French law or English law. Normally in France the people registered as owners would be treated as owners for all purposes. This means that if one of the registered owners should die, his or her children would enjoy their full inheritance rights under French law regardless of any English will.**

**If these children were minors, there could be a long and protracted procedure which could make it very difficult to deal with the property for a lengthy period. There might have to be court proceedings in France or England or even in both countries. Also, in the event of bankruptcy of one of the registered owners of the property, the other "owners" who are not registered might encounter difficulties.**

**The creation of an SCI (Société Civile Immobilière) may not be perfect, but would probably be a better solution.**

**J. M. DENKER,**
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## Forget that extra tenner

I do not want to sound like Scrooge, but I fear that Charles Jackson built false hopes in Mr Lawson's Little Bonus (Family Money November 19).

He wrote: "But if only one partner in the marriage qualifies, he or she will get an extra £10 for the non-qualifying partner."

Not so, say two helpful young women in my local DHSS office, a view confirmed by their supervisor. There may be rare and special occasions, they say, when this could happen, but that is all.

MAURICE K. TITHER
Wingerworth,
Chesterfield S4295B

Charles Jackson writes:

*You are right: married claimants will not normally be able to claim for their spouses as we implied last week. The sort of situation when they would be able to claim would be if Mr Smith aged 66 had been receiving an Invalidity Pension before he reached 65. Since this is not taxed, on reaching 65, he continued on Invalidity Benefit — which is payable until he reaches 70 — rather than change to a retirement pension. Mr Smith will qualify for the £10 bonus and, providing he is receiving a dependant's addition for his wife and she is over 60, he should receive an extra £10 bonus for her.*

## Fancy shares for £25

A split capital investment trust is to launch a savings scheme, *writes Vivien Goldsmith.* So now you will be able to buy fancy classes of shares such as warrants or stepped preference shares by investing as little as £25 a month.

Gartmore is launching a savings scheme for all its eight trusts next weekend. They include the Scottish National Trust, the largest split capital trust with a redemption date of 1998.

It has Capital shares, income shares, 6 per cent preference shares,stepped preference shares, zero dividend preference shares and warrants.

Warrants give the holder the option to buy the shares within a finite period at a stated price. This can bring sparkling gains if the share price moves up but if the share price moves below the price at which the warrants can be excercised, the warrants become worthless.

The warrants on Scottish National were trading earlier this week at 7p. This buys the right to buy one capital share at 300p at any time up to 1998. The capital shares come last in the pecking order. They collect only when the other classes of share have been paid out.

Scottish National shares are on a discount of at least 70 per cent, trading at 28p on an issue price of 100p.

The trust needs to grow by 5 per cent a year for the capital shares to break even. But if the trust grew by 10 per cent, the capital shares would increase in value by 30 per cent.

So buying the warrants is a bit of a gamble, although one that could bring huge gains because you are piling gearing upon gearing.

The savings scheme also allows investors to buy all the other classes of shares. The stepped preference shares, now trading at 111p, increase at 5 per cent a year from 100p at launch to 171p by September 1998.

The dividend. which began at 5p net, also increases by 5 per cent a year.The zero dividend preference shares increase monthly by 11.3 per cent from 100p to 325p by September 30 1998.

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### New loans

■ The Halifax Building Society has a new fixed-rate home loan. The rate is 11.5 per cent, fixed for two years. The society is also increasing the discount on mortgages of £100,000 or more from 0.3 per cent to 0.5 per cent for the first three years of the loan.

National Westminster's fixed-rate offer at 11.25 per cent is still open, although half the £200 million has gone. The term is two years The Alliance & Leicester Building Society is offering 11.5 per cent, fixed for two years. Like the Halifax's and NatWest loan, the minimum loan of £30,000 must be endowment or pension linked.

The insurance company, Eagle Star, has an unusual fixed-rate scheme. The rate is 10.75 per cent, fixed for the life of the mortgage, which can go up to 30 years rather than one or two years. There is no penalty for early redemption.

### No tax change

■ A study to see whether it would be viable to send tax forms to every single employee has concluded that the tax yield might not be more than the cost of sending out the forms. It said that 700,000 people — half of them in the black economy — might disclose income that would otherwise not come to the attention of the taxman. The same number of taxpayers would also claim extra tax relief. Twenty million taxpayers would be needlessly troubled. So the Government has decided not to follow the recommmendation of the Keith Committee and send personal tax forms to all employees. They will continue to be sent to those employees who may be paying too little or too much tax such as those liable to higher rate tax and those who make regular claims for repayment of tax paid at source on dividend income.

### Pet project

■ Christmas is coming and insurance companies are hoping to get a little fatter. NEM Insurance is promoting its "Santa" clause, which automatically increases cover under household policies by 10 per cent during December to include gifts and extra food and drink. Pet Plan, the pet health insurer, has published a list of post-Christmas claims it has settled in the past to remind owners of the value of cover. There was the spaniel who chewed Christmas tree lights and ran up a bill of £51.20, the tabby cat who ate tinsel and cost £155 and the labrador who ate six boxes of chocolate and cost £74.

Anyone wanting cover for a new pet over Christmas can phone Pet Plan's freephone 0800-282 250.

### 1992 & all that

■ The single European market is continuing to capture the imaginations of unit-trust groups. Scottish Equitable is launching the Europe 2000 Tactical Performance Trust which will be investing in companies likely to benefit from developments up to 1992 and beyond. Offer price is 25p, fixed from November 21 until December 9; discounts of between one and two per cent for the launch period. Minimum initial investment is £500 for the launch.

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M&G Recovery Fund is probably the most successful unit trust ever launched and the table below shows just how well it has achieved its aim of capital growth. The Fund buys the shares of companies which have fallen on hard times. Losses must be expected when a company fails to recover but the effect of a turnround can be dramatic.

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. Value of £1,000 invested at the launch of M&G Recovery Fund on 23rd May 1969, with net income reinvested

| Year ended 31 DECEMBER | M&G RECOVERY | FT ORDINARY INDEX | BUILDING SOCIETY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 23 May '69 | £1,000 | £1,000 | £1,000 |
| 1970 | 1,176 | 857 | 1,080 |
| 1975 | 2,640 | 1,112 | 1,466 |
| 1980 | 10,256 | 1,729 | 2,154 |
| 1985 | 27,080 | 4,947 | 3,240 |
| 23 NOV '88 | 59,616 | 7,068 | 3,995* |

NOTES All figures include reinvested income net of basic rate tax. The Building Society figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (source: Central Statistical Office – Financial Statistics). M&G Recovery figures are all realisation values. An investment of £1,000 in M&G Recovery Fund on 23rd May 1969 would have grown to £3,726 by 23rd November 1988 with net income reinvested. *Estimated.

FURTHER INFORMATION On 23rd November 1988 offered prices and estimated gross current yields were

| | Income | Accumulation | Yield | Spread |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Recovery | 582·9p | 788·1p | 3·53% | 5·44% |
| Dividend | 576·8p | 1819·8p | 5·09% | 5·44% |
| SECOND | 997·4p | 2073·6p | 3·32% | 6·54% |

The prices are calculated as at 9.15 am each business day. Prices and yields appear daily in the Financial Times. The spread is the difference between the "offered price" (at which you buy units) and the "bid" price (at which you sell). We have a discretion to vary the pricing basis of the units and also the spread within a range, calculated in accordance with statutory regulations. An initial charge of 5% is included in the offered price. An annual charge of up to 1% of each fund's value – currently 1% for Recovery and Second General and ½% for Dividend – plus VAT is deducted from gross income. Income for Accumulation units is reinvested to increase their value and for income units it is distributed net of basic rate tax on the following dates:

| | Recovery | Dividend | SECOND |
|---|---|---|---|
| Distributions | 20 Feb<br>20 Aug | 15 Jan<br>15 July | 15 Feb<br>15 Aug |
| Applications required by for next distribution on | 23 Dec '88<br>20 Feb '89 | 20 May '89<br>15 July '89 | 9 Dec '88<br>15 Feb '89 |

Capital gains tax 1988/89. An individual's first £5,000 of realised capital gains will be exempt from tax. Gains in excess of £5,000 will be added to the individual's other income and taxed at the rates of tax applicable. Gains arising before 31st March 1982 are not now subject to capital gains tax and gains since 31st March 1982 are subject to indexation relief.

You can buy or sell units on any business day. Contracts for purchase or sale will be due for settlement by the date shown on the contract note. The Trustee for Dividend and Recovery is Barclays Bank Trust Co. Limited and for SECOND is Lloyds Bank Plc. The Funds are all wider range investments and are authorised under the Financial Services Act 1986.

Income DIVIDEND FUND

If you need income which will grow over the years M&G Dividend Fund could be your ideal investment. The Fund invests in a wide range of ordinary shares and aims to provide above average and increasing income from higher yielding shares.

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. £1,000 invested in income units at the launch of M&G Dividend Fund on 6th May, 1964, compared with a similar investment in a Building Society

| Year ended 31 DECEMBER | INCOME: M&G DIVIDEND | INCOME: BUILDING SOCIETY | CAPITAL: M&G DIVIDEND | CAPITAL: BUILDING SOCIETY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 May '64 | – | – | £1,000 | £1,000 |
| 1965 | £40 | £38 | 1,020 | 1,000 |
| 1970 | 46 | 49 | 1,076 | 1,000 |
| 1975 | 83 | 72 | 1,630 | 1,000 |
| 1980 | 156 | 103 | 2,428 | 1,000 |
| 1985 | 228 | 87 | 6,515 | 1,000 |
| 23 NOV '88 | 368 | 65* | 10,908 | 1,000 |

NOTES All income figures shown are net of basic rate tax. The Building Society income figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (source: Central Statistical Office – Financial Statistics). M&G Dividend capital figures are all realisation values. £1,000 invested in M&G Dividend Fund income units on 23rd November 1983 would have produced an income of £66 in 1984 and the capital would have grown to £2,539 by 23rd November 1988. *Estimated for the year.

Balanced SECOND GENERAL

M&G Second General Trust Fund aims for consistent growth of both capital and income and has a 32-year performance record which is second to none. It has a wide spread of shares mainly in British companies and expected yield in line with the F.T. Actuaries All-Share Index.

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. Value of £1,000 invested at the launch of M&G Second General on 5th June 1956, with net income reinvested.

| Year ended 31 DECEMBER | M&G SECOND | FT ORDINARY INDEX | BUILDING SOCIETY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5 June '56 | £1,000 | £1,000 | £1,000 |
| 1960 | 1,982 | 2,008 | 1,167 |
| 1965 | 3,132 | 2,623 | 1,397 |
| 1970 | 4,648 | 3,054 | 1,742 |
| 1975 | 7,984 | 3,962 | 2,366 |
| 1980 | 19,540 | 6,160 | 3,476 |
| 1985 | 54,600 | 17,624 | 5,229 |
| 23 NOV '88 | 95,832 | 25,179 | 6,447* |

NOTES All figures include reinvested income net of basic rate tax. The Building Society figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (source: Central Statistical Office – Financial Statistics). M&G Second General figures are all realisation values. An investment of £1,000 in M&G Second General on 23rd November 1983 would have grown to £2,539 by 23rd November 1988 with net income reinvested. *Estimated.

Scheme Particulars will be sent with your contract note. However, if you would like the Scheme Particulars before investing, or the latest fund reports, you can obtain them free of charge from: M&G Securities Limited, M&G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Tel: (0245) 286266.

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A contract note will be sent to you stating exactly how much you owe and the settlement date. Your certificate will follow shortly. In entering into this contract with M&G you will not have any right to cancel the contract under the Financial Services (Cancellation) Rules 1988.

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| DIVIDEND (MIN. £1,000) | £ | ·00 |
| SECOND (MIN. £1,000) | £ | ·00 |

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## Offer for Sale
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Under the Offer for Sale in the UK and separate offerings in the US, Canada, Japan and continental Europe
2,000,000,000 Ordinary Shares of 50p each are being offered at
125p per Share of which 60p is payable now and 65p is payable by 26 September 1989.

The following information is to be read in conjunction with the full prospectus dated 25 November 1988, which alone comprises approved listing particulars relating to British Steel. Expressions defined in the full prospectus have the same meanings herein. The full prospectus has also been published in the *Financial Times* and *The Daily Telegraph* on Friday, 25 November 1988. In addition, copies of the full prospectus are available as described below. You are advised to read the full prospectus before completing and returning an application form. If you need advice, you should consult your bank manager, stockbroker or other financial adviser.

### APPLICATIONS

*Applications must be received by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 2 December 1988.* In applying for Shares you will be treated as applying on the basis both of the full prospectus and of 'Terms and Conditions of Application' set out below, which together govern your rights and obligations.

Only one application may be made for the benefit of any person, except for: *(a) any other application which you are entitled to make as an employee of British Steel* on a blue application form for the Free and Matching Offers for employees; or (b) an application made for your benefit, without your knowledge, by a Personal Equity Plan Manager. Criminal proceedings may be instituted against anyone knowingly making or authorising or causing an application to be made in breach of this rule.

*Multiple applications, or those appearing to be, or suspected of being, multiple* applications, are liable to be rejected at the discretion of the Secretary of State. Under 'Terms and Conditions of Application', applicants can be required to provide details of any persons for whose benefit they have applied.

Photocopies of application forms will not be accepted in any circumstances. Once made, applications may not be withdrawn.

Your attention is drawn to 'Terms and Conditions of Application' and in particular to paragraph 3(k), which excludes liability for information not in the full prospectus or in the mini prospectus published in connection with the Offer for Sale.

Before completing an application form, you should read carefully the accompanying guide to completing it.

### APPLICATIONS FROM OUTSIDE THE UK

No person receiving a copy of the full prospectus and/or an application form in *any territory other than the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man may treat the* same as constituting an invitation or offer to him, nor should he in any event use such application form, unless in the relevant territory such an invitation and offer could lawfully be made to him without compliance with any unfulfilled registration or other legal requirements. It is the responsibility of any person outside the UK, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man or subject to the laws of any overseas jurisdiction, who receives a copy of the full prospectus and/or an application form and who wants to make an application, to satisfy himself as to full observance of the laws of the relevant territory in connection therewith, including the obtaining of any governmental or other consents and compliance with other necessary formalities, and to pay any transfer or other taxes or duties required to be paid in such territory in respect of the Shares acquired by him under the Combined Offer.

### US OR CANADIAN PERSONS

No application may be made or will be accepted on any public application form *from or on behalf of a US or Canadian person. A 'US or Canadian person' means any* individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States of America (including the states and the District of Columbia) or its territories or possessions or other areas subject to its jurisdiction ('US') or a resident of Canada or any corporation, partnership or other entity created or organised in or under the laws of the US or Canada and any *estate or trust the income of which is subject to US or Canadian federal income taxation* regardless of its source. A US or Canadian person shall include: (i) in the case of any such corporation or firm any branch thereof outside the US or Canada; (ii) any investment fund, estate or trust organised under or governed by the laws of the US or Canada or any political sub-division thereof, including any fund managed on a discretionary basis outside the US or Canada by such a US or Canadian person; and (iii) any US or Canadian branch of any corporation or firm established or incorporated outside the US or Canada, as the case may be, but, notwithstanding the foregoing, a *Canadian person shall not include any branch of a Canadian person outside Canada in* connection with the management by such Canadian person of funds of any individual resident outside Canada or any corporation, firm, pension, profit sharing or investment fund, estate or other trust or other entity organised under or governed by the laws of a jurisdiction other than Canada or any political sub-division thereof.

### ALLOCATIONS AND DEALINGS

The basis of allocation of the Shares is expected to be announced by 9.00 a.m. on Monday, 5 December 1988. If your application is successful, in whole or in part, a renounceable letter of acceptance for the Shares allocated to you is expected to be despatched to you on *12 December 1988. If there is heavy demand for the Shares, you* may receive fewer Shares than you apply for or, in some cases, none at all. If your application is not accepted, all money paid on application will be returned (without interest). If your application is accepted in part, you will receive (without interest) a refund cheque for the balance of the money paid on application.

The right is reserved to reject, *in whole or in part, or scale down, any application.* No allocation or allocations in excess of 15% of the Shares being offered under the Combined Offer will be made to any one person or group of persons acting in concert.

Dealings are expected to commence in London at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 5 December 1988. Applicants who deal before receipt of a letter of acceptance will do so at their own risk.

### PAYMENT

The right is reserved to present for payment all cheques and bankers' drafts on receipt, but this will be avoided so far as practicable in respect of applications for which it is not expected to make an allocation, unless they are, or appear to be, or are suspected of being, multiple applications. It is a condition of the Offer for Sale that all cheques *must be honoured on first presentation and no interest will be paid on any moneys held* on behalf of the Secretary of State.

### INSTALMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The Offer Price is 125p per Share, of which 60p is payable on application and 65p by 3.00 p.m. on 26 September 1989. *The price of Shares taken up by eligible* employees under the Matching Offer is payable in full on application.

*Until payment of the final instalment, the Shares sold on instalment terms will be* registered, pursuant to an Instalment Agreement, in the name of Lloyds Bank Plc as the Custodian Bank. In the first instance entitlements will be evidenced by renounceable letters of acceptance, which will be superseded in due course by Interim Certificates issued by Lloyds Bank Plc.

*You will be sent a reminder (call notice) in advance of the date when the final* instalment becomes payable. At the time the call notice for the final instalment is sent (it is due to be sent on 1 September 1989), you will also be sent an Interim Certificate to replace the temporary document of title (a letter of acceptance or initial Interim Certificate) despatched following the Offer for Sale. After payment of the final instalment (due by 26 September 1989) entitlements to Shares will be evidenced by receipted Interim Certificates or Fully Paid Interim Certificates and you will be sent your definitive share certificate shortly after that date.

The call notice and Interim Certificate will be sent to your address on the Register. You should therefore promptly notify any change of address, following the instructions set out on the letters of acceptance and on the Interim Certificates.

If you sell your entitlement to Shares before the final instalment has been paid in respect of them, *the purchaser will become liable for the final instalment once the* renunciation or transfer has been registered.

If you are liable for the final instalment and you do not pay it when due, the Secretary of State may (without prejudice to his other rights) resell your Shares. If these Shares are resold, you will be sent a refund, without interest, equal to 60p per Share, resold less any loss incurred by the Secretary of State determined in accordance with the Instalment Agreement. However, no payment of less than £2 will be made to you. The Secretary of State may in his discretion accept late payment, but he may do so on the basis that you pay default interest as set out in the Instalment Agreement and/or such other amount as the Secretary of State may specify.

The Instalment Agreement is summarised in the full prospectus.

### AVAILABILITY OF THE PROSPECTUS

*Copies of the full prospectus and of the mini prospectus may be obtained, until* the Offer for Sale closes, from:

(i) all branches of Lloyds Bank Plc, main branches of National Westminster Bank PLC and Bank of Scotland and, in Northern Ireland, all branches of Bank of Ireland;

(ii) the underwriters listed at the beginning of the full prospectus; and

(iii) the brokers to the Offer and to the Company at the addresses set out below:

*Brokers to the Offer*
Rowe & Pitman Ltd., 1 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA.

*Brokers to the Company*
Phillips & Drew Securities Limited, 120 Moorgate, London EC2M 6XP.

Copies of the full prospectus may also be obtained from the registered office of the Company and from the Company Announcements Office, The Stock Exchange, 46 Finsbury Square, London EC2 until Friday, 2 December 1988.

The Council of The Stock Exchange has authorised the issue of this document under section 154 (1)(b) of the Financial Services Act 1986 without approving the contents.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

1. Acceptance of applications will be conditional on: (i) the admission of the whole of the ordinary share capital of the Company to the Official List of The Stock Exchange becoming effective by not later than 3 January 1989; and (ii) the UK Underwriting Agreement referred to in section 17 of Part XI of the full prospectus dated 25 November 1988 comprising listing particulars relating to the Company ('the Prospectus') having become unconditional and not being terminated prior to such date as the Secretary of State may determine, being not later than 3 January 1989. Application moneys will be returned (without interest) if either of these conditions is not satisfied and, in the meantime, if presented for payment, will be kept by the receiving banks appointed in respect of the Offer for Sale ('the receiving banks') in separate accounts within the receiving banks or the Bank of England. The right is reserved for the Secretary of State and his agents to present for payment and otherwise process all remittances at any time after receipt thereof and to have full access to all information relating to, or deriving from, such remittances and the processing thereof. The right is also reserved to treat as valid any application not completed in all respects in accordance with the instructions accompanying the relevant application form.

2. Words and expressions defined in the Prospectus have the same meanings in these terms and conditions and in the application forms, including the public application form, unless the context otherwise requires. Where these terms and conditions are inconsistent with the express terms of an application form, the terms and conditions of that application form shall prevail in relation to an application made on that form.

3. By completing and delivering an application form, you:

(a) offer to purchase from the Secretary of State the number of Shares specified in your application form (or such smaller number for which the application is accepted) and agree that you will accept such Shares as may be allocated to you, in each case on the terms of, and subject to the conditions set out in, the Prospectus, the Instalment Agreement and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company and agree to become a party to, and be bound by all relevant provisions of, the Instalment Agreement;

(b) as a collateral contract between you and the Secretary of State which will become binding on posting to, or (in the case of delivery in any other manner) receipt by, a receiving bank of your application and in consideration of the Secretary of State agreeing that he will not, prior to 3 January 1989, offer any of the Shares to any person other than by means of one of the procedures referred to in the Prospectus:

(i) agree that your application cannot be revoked prior to 3 January 1989; and

(ii) warrant that your remittance will be honoured on first presentation and agree that any letter of acceptance and any moneys returnable may be held pending clearance of your payment and will not bear interest;

(c) agree that all applications, acceptances of applications and contracts resulting therefrom under the Offer for Sale shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and, for the benefit of each of the addressees of the application form, you submit to the jurisdiction of the English courts;

(d) warrant that:

(i) if the application is made for your own benefit, no other application (other than any application which you are entitled to make on a blue application form) is being made for your benefit by you or by anyone applying as your agent (other than a Personal Equity Plan Manager) or, to your knowledge, by a Personal Equity Plan Manager or by any other person;

(ii) if the application is made by you as agent for, or for the benefit of, another person, no other application is being made by you (other than on a blue application form) as agent for or for the benefit of that person or, to your knowledge, by that person or by any other person;

(iii) if you sign the application form purporting to be the agent for someone else, you *have due authority to do so on behalf of that other person and undertake to enclose* your power of attorney or a copy thereof certified by a solicitor, where this is required by the guide to completing the application form; and

(iv) if your application, together with any other application, were accepted in full, you would not be interested (as defined in Article 46(A) of the Articles of Association of the Company) in 300,000,000 Shares (representing 15% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company) or more. If you are a party to any agreement or arrangement which could be the subject of a resolution of the Directors pursuant to Article 46(E)(i) of the Articles of Association of the Company, Article 46(E)(i) shall be deemed to apply without the necessity for a resolution of the Directors that such an agreement exists, and consequently you will be deemed, for the purposes of this warranty, to be interested in all Shares which are the subject of applications by persons who are party to such agreement;

(e) agree that, in respect of those Shares for which your application has been received and processed and is not rejected, acceptance of your application shall be constituted, at the election of the Secretary of State, either (i) by notification to The Stock Exchange of the basis of allocation (in which case such acceptance shall be on that basis) or (ii) by notification of acceptance thereof to the relevant receiving bank;

(f) authorise the relevant receiving bank and the Custodian Bank (i) to procure that your name (and the name(s) of any joint applicant(s)) is (are) placed on the register of holders of Interim Rights in respect of such Shares the entitlement to which has not been effectively renounced (and in these terms and conditions, references to rights being effectively renounced mean the renouncee(s) being registered by a receiving bank in relation to such right(s)) and (ii) thereafter, to procure that your name (and the name(s) of any joint applicant(s)) is (are) placed on the register of members of the Company in respect of such Shares the right to which has not been effectively transferred;

(g) authorise the relevant receiving bank and the Custodian Bank to send a letter of acceptance for the number of Shares for which your application is accepted and/or a cheque for any money returnable by post to you at your address (or, in the case of joint applicants, the address of the first-named person) as set out in the application form and agree that all documents in connection with the Offer for Sale and/or any money returnable or refundable will be sent at your risk;

(h) (i) agree that time of payment by you shall be of the essence of each contract constituted by acceptance of your application;

(ii) agree that if your remittance in respect of the first instalment payable on any Share is not honoured on first presentation, (without prejudice to any obligations you may have under the Instalment Agreement) you will not, as against the Secretary of State, be entitled: (a) to receive a letter of acceptance in respect of that Share; (b) to become a Registered Holder in respect of that Share; or (c) to enjoy or receive any rights or distributions in respect of that Share unless and until you make payment in cleared funds in respect of that Share and such payment is accepted by the Secretary of State (which acceptance shall be in his absolute discretion and may be on the basis that you pay default interest as set out in the Instalment Agreement and/or such other amount as the Secretary of State may specify), and that at any time prior to acceptance by the Secretary of State of such late payment in respect of that Share the Secretary of State may (without prejudice to his other rights) avoid the agreement to sell that Share and may resell that Share to some other person, in which case you will not be entitled to any refund or payment in respect of that Share;

(iii) undertake to pay the final instalment by, and (in the case of any payment of £10,000 or more) for value not later than 3.00 p.m. on 26 September 1989, for each Share in *respect of which your application is accepted and the right to which has not been* effectively renounced or transferred in accordance with the Instalment Agreement by you prior to that time and date; and

(iv) agree that failure to make payment of the final instalment when due on any Share will entitle the Secretary of State (without prejudice to his other rights) to avoid the agreement to sell that Share and to resell that Share to some other person, in which case you will be sent a refund, without interest, equal to 60p (subject to adjustment in the event of a capitalisation issue) per Share resold less any loss (including expenses of resale) incurred by the Secretary of State determined in accordance with the Instalment Agreement. However, no payment of less than £2 will be made to you;

(i) warrant that you are not a US or Canadian person and are not applying for the benefit of, or with a view to resale to, any such person;

(j) agree that, without prejudice to any other rights to which you may be entitled, you will not be entitled to exercise any remedy of rescission for innocent misrepresentation at any time after acceptance of your application;

*(k) confirm that, in making your application, you are not relying on any information or* representation in relation to or affecting British Steel or the Combined Offer or the Offer for Sale, other than information and representations contained in the Prospectus or in the mini prospectus *published in connection with the Offer for Sale taken together with the Prospectus ('the* prospectuses'), and accordingly you agree that no person responsible for the prospectuses, or any part thereof, shall have any liability for any such information or representation other than as *aforesaid;*

(l) agree that such application form is addressed to the Secretary of State, Samuel Montagu & Co. Limited, Lloyds Bank Plc and the Company and that the benefit of paragraph (k) above shall extend to the persons referred to therein;

(m) agree promptly on request to disclose in writing to the Secretary of State any information which he may request in connection with your application;

(n) agree that any letter of acceptance and application moneys in respect of any applicant suspected to be in breach of paragraph (d) above may be held (without interest) pending investigation; and

(o) agree that if this application is made on behalf of another person by his/her attorney, that other person shall also be bound by these terms and conditions.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURN OF THE PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

Send your completed application form by post (or deliver it by hand) to arrive not later than 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 2 December 1988 at the appropriate address immediately below according to the first letter of your surname (or corporate name) inserted in Box 1.

**A to G** — **Bank of Scotland,**
New Issues Department,
Apex House,
9 Haddington Place,
Edinburgh EH7 4AL,
*or by hand only, to:*
New Issues,
38 Threadneedle Street,
London EC2P 2EH

**H to O** — **Lloyds Bank Plc,**
Registrar's Department,
Issue Section,
P.O. Box 1000,
11 Bishopsgate,
London EC2N 3LB

**P to Z** — **National Westminster Bank PLC,**
New Issues Department,
P.O. Box No. 33,
153-157 Commercial Road,
London E1 2DB,
*or by hand only, to:*
2 Princes Street,
London EC2P 2BD

YOU ARE ADVISED TO USE **FIRST CLASS POST** AND TO ALLOW AT LEAST TWO WORKING DAYS FOR DELIVERY.

**Additional receiving centres**

*(open only for deliveries by hand and only until 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 2 December 1988)*

**Lloyds Bank Plc**

**Birmingham**
125 Colmore Row,
Birmingham B3 3AD

**Jersey**
9 Broad Street,
St. Helier,
Jersey,
Channel Islands

**Leeds**
6/7 Park Row,
Leeds LS1 1NX

**Norwich**
16 Gentleman's Walk,
Norwich NR2 1LZ

**Nottingham**
Old Market Square,
Nottingham NG1 6FD

**Southampton**
19/21 High Street,
Southampton SO9 7AN

**National Westminster Bank PLC**

**Bristol**
32 Corn Street,
Bristol, Avon BS99 7UG

**Cardiff**
117 St. Mary Street,
Cardiff CF1 1LG

**Guernsey**
35 High Street,
St. Peter Port,
Guernsey,
Channel Islands

**Liverpool**
22 Castle Street,
Liverpool L69 2BE

**Manchester**
55 King Street,
Manchester M60 2DB

**Plymouth**
St. Andrews Cross,
Plymouth,
Devon PL4 0AE

**Bank of Scotland**

**Aberdeen**
53 Castle Street,
Aberdeen AB9 8AJ

**Edinburgh**
38 St. Andrew Square,
Edinburgh EH2 2YR

**Glasgow**
110 St. Vincent Street,
Glasgow G2 5EJ

**Inverness**
9 High Street,
Inverness IV1 1JB

**Newcastle upon Tyne**
62-68 Grey Street,
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 6AF

**Bank of Ireland**

**Belfast**
54 Donegall Place,
Belfast BT1 5BX

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## GUIDE TO COMPLETING THE PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

If you have received a personalised public application form, you should complete that form.

Otherwise, please use a public application form such as that below.

**REMEMBER THAT ONLY ONE PUBLIC APPLICATION MAY BE MADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANY PERSON.**

**1** **Put in Box 1 your full name and address (please use block capitals).**

Applications must not be made by anyone under 18, but a parent, grandparent or guardian of a child under 18 may apply for the benefit of that child. To do this, you must put your own full name in Box 1, and after your surname write 'A/C' followed by the initials of the child and the child's date of birth. This will not prevent you from making an application for your own benefit.

If you wish to apply jointly with another adult, see Note 7.

**2** **Put in Box 2 (in figures) the number of Shares for which you are applying. You may only apply for one of the numbers of Shares set out below. Applications for any other numbers of Shares will be rejected.**

| Number of Shares you are applying for | Amount you pay now at 60p per Share | Your total investment at 125p per Share |
|---|---|---|
| 400 | £240 | £500 |
| 500 | £300 | £625 |
| 600 | £360 | £750 |
| 700 | £420 | £875 |
| 800 | £480 | £1,000 |
| 900 | £540 | £1,125 |
| 1,000 | £600 | £1,250 |

Above 1,000 Shares, applications must be in the following denominations:

| *Applications* | *Multiples of* |
|---|---|
| 1,000 to 5,000 Shares | 500 Shares |
| 5,000 to 10,000 Shares | 1,000 Shares |
| 10,000 to 50,000 Shares | 5,000 Shares |
| 50,000 to 100,000 Shares | 10,000 Shares |
| over 100,000 Shares | 50,000 Shares |

**3** **Using the middle column of the table in Note 2 above, put in Box 3 (in figures) the exact amount you pay now.**

Payment is in two instalments. The final instalment of 65p per Share is payable by 3.00 p.m. on 26 September 1989. A reminder about the final instalment will be sent to your registered address before it becomes due.

**4** **WARNING**

**Only one public application may be made for the benefit of any person. Criminal proceedings may be instituted against anyone knowingly making or authorising more than one public application for the benefit of any person, either solely or jointly with other persons.**

**5** **Read the warning in Note 4 above and the declaration in Box 4, then sign and date the form in Box 5.**

The application form may be signed by someone else on your behalf if he/she is duly authorised to do so. An agent must enclose the original power of attorney appointing him/her (or a copy certified by a solicitor), unless he/she is a selling agent, financial intermediary or UK Clearing Bank (as referred to in section 18 of Part XI of the Prospectus) and states the capacity in which he/she signs.

A corporation must sign under the hand of a duly authorised official, whose representative capacity must be stated.

If you apply for the benefit of a person aged under 18, you, rather than that person, must sign the form.

**6** **Pin to Box 6 a cheque or bankers' draft for the exact amount you have entered in Box 3. Payments must be by cheque or bankers' draft; no other methods of payment will be accepted. The cheque or bankers' draft must be made payable to 'British Steel Share Offer' and crossed 'Not Negotiable'. A separate cheque or bankers' draft must accompany each application. No receipt for your payment will be issued. Your cheque or bankers' draft must be drawn in sterling on an account at a bank branch in the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man and must bear a UK bank sort code number in the top right hand corner.**

If you do not have a cheque account, you can obtain a cheque from your building society or a bank branch, in which case your full name and address should be written on the back of the cheque.

An application may be accompanied by a cheque drawn by someone other than the applicant(s), in which case your full name and address should be written on the back of the cheque, but any moneys returned will be sent by cheque crossed 'Not Negotiable A/C Payee Only' in favour of the first-named *applicant*.

**7** **Joint applicants**

**You may apply jointly with up to three other people, provided that each applicant is aged 18 or over and that no other public application is being made for your benefit or for the benefit of any of the other joint applicants. Each such person must read the warning in Note 4 and the declaration in Box 4 and complete and sign Box 7.**

The application form may be signed by someone else on *behalf of the joint applicant(s). Please refer to Note 5 above.*

**You must return your completed application form, together with your cheque or bankers' draft for the first instalment, to arrive not later than 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 2 December 1988.**
***See the instructions on the previous page.***

**Photocopies of application forms will not be accepted in any circumstances.**

**British Steel plc**

**PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM**

***Before completing this form, you should read carefully the guide above.***

See Note 1 — Please use BLOCK CAPITALS

Mr, Mrs, Miss, etc. | Surname

Forename(s) in full

Address

Postcode

For official use only
1. Acceptance no.
2. Shares allocated

**2** I/We offer to purchase _____ **Ordinary Shares** ← PUT HERE THE NUMBER OF SHARES YOU WANT TO PURCHASE

of British Steel plc ('the Company') on and subject to the terms and conditions of application set out in Part XII of the Prospectus, comprising listing particulars relating to the Company, dated 23 November 1988.

**3** I/We attach a cheque/bankers' draft for the amount **now** payable of £_____ ← PUT HERE THE AMOUNT NOW PAYABLE

**4** I have read the warning in Note 4 in the guide opposite and declare that, to my knowledge, this is the only public application made for my benefit (or that of the person(s) for whose benefit I am applying).

**5** Signature _____ Date _____ 1988 ← SIGN AND DATE HERE IF YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR SHARES

**6** ☐ ← Pin here your cheque/bankers' draft for the amount in Box 3, payable to **'British Steel Share Offer'** and crossed **'Not Negotiable'**. ← ATTACH YOUR PAYMENT FOR THE AMOUNT IN BOX 3

JOINT APPLICANTS

**7** The first applicant should complete Boxes 1, 2 and 3 and sign and date Box 5. Insert below in BLOCK CAPITALS the names of the other joint applicants, who must sign in the right hand column below.

I/We join in this application and give the declaration set out in Box 4 above.

JOINT APPLICANTS MUST SIGN HERE

| | Mr, Mrs, Miss, etc. | Forename(s) in full | Surname | Signature |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd joint applicant | | | | |
| 3rd joint applicant | | | | |
| 4th joint applicant | | | | |

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Those claiming commission (or reallowance of commission) should stamp both boxes applicable to them.

| *Stamp of person claiming commission and VAT reg. no.* | *Stamp of other intermediary claiming reallowance of commission and VAT reg. no.* |
|---|---|
| (if not registered for VAT, put 'none') | (if not registered for VAT, put 'none') |
| Acceptance no. | Shares accepted |
| Commissions calculated | |

| Stamp of person claiming commission and VAT reg. no. | Stamp of other intermediary claiming reallowance of commission and VAT reg. no. |
|---|---|
| (if not registered for VAT, put 'none') | (if not registered for VAT, put 'none') |
| Acceptance no. | Shares accepted |
| Commissions calculated | |

# FAMILY MONEY

# An assistance to better learning

PAUL LOVELACE



William Byrne, left, outside Colfe's School: a scholarship to America and a university place

**Anthea Masey on one of the successes of the Assisted Places scheme**

Education Secretary Kenneth Baker could not wish for a better advertisement for the Government's Assisted Places Scheme than William Byrne. The scheme gives parents of academically-gifted youngsters the chance to educate their children at day fee-paying schools even if they could not normally afford it. The Government pays some or all of the fees, depending on the parents' income.

Assisted Places were first offered in 1981. The scheme, which cost the Government £46 million last year, now subsidises school fees for nearly 27,000 children at independent, fee-paying schools.

William cannot quite remember why at the age of 11 he set his heart on going to Colfe's School, an independent boys' school near his home in Lewisham, South East London.

"I remember going round the playground in my last year at primary school boasting that I was going to Eltham Boys' school, where two of my brothers were, when another boy took the wind out of my sails by saying he was going to Colfe's, a school I hadn't even heard of.

"It was only when I asked a teacher, who I discovered had a son at Colfe's, what she thought of the school, and she talked about it in glowing terms, that I really decided I wanted to go there. And then I saw the swimming pool..."

William's mother Barbara says: "William was so keen that we sent off for the prospectus, and it came back with information about the Assisted Places Scheme."

William is the third of seven children, and money has always been tight. His father Harry, who works as an administrator for a supermarket chain, says that without the Assisted Places Scheme they would not have been able to send William to Colfe's. Except for the last couple of years when they have made a parental contribution, the scheme has paid all William's fees.

As William's mother says, Colfe's was obviously the right school for him. "It's the music, the sport, the drama and the debating which I have enjoyed," says William, who has clearly thrived. A talented musician, he has reached grade 8 in both piano and viola, and has just won a six-month English Speaking Union Scholarship to a leading US high school, the Phillips Exeter Academy in New Jersey. He already has three A levels – in physics, chemistry and maths – and when he gets back he will go on to university, probably to read physics.

An assisted place is not the only way of getting help with school fees. Many independent schools offer scholarship and bursaries to talented children. According to the Independent Schools Information Service (Isis), the independent schools which form part of their association gave away £36 million in scholarships and bursaries in 1986. If you catch your young son singing in the bath, encourage him. It could be his passport to a free private education.

There are 34 choir schools and they are as interested in finding fine boy sopranos as they are in parents who can pay the fees. The age of admission varies with the school. It can be as young as seven, but it can equally be as late as 10. Each school usually holds an annual voice test.

A top boys' school like Harrow, where boarding fees are around £2,500 a term, offers between 15 and 20 scholarships which pay up to half the fees, and many more smaller bursaries.

Harrow offers an unusual *computer scholarship. Headmaster Ian Beer explains:* " By the age of 13 a few exceptional children have already accomplished a lot with the computer. The idea is to recruit one such boy into each year to inspire the whole class, and there is no doubt that it is working."

Harrow has also raised *funds to start its own privately-funded assisted places scheme, although to begin with only one such place will be available.*

There are a few other oddities too. Port Regis a co-educational school for seven-to-13 year olds near Shaftesbury in Dorset is one of the country's leading centres of *gymnastic excellence. It offers* up to four gymnastics scholarships, where the parents make a contribution depending on their ability to pay.

■ *The first national Isis Exhibition is at Novotel, Hammersmith, London W6. Open today 10 am to 6.30 pm and tomorrow, 10.30 to 4.30. Admission is free.*

*To find out which schools in your area offer assisted places, write to the Department of Education and Science for their leaflet on the scheme at Room 3/65 Elizabeth House, York Road, London SE1 7PH, tel: 01-630 9211/9291.*

*Isis also produces a leaflet on the scheme. They can be contacted at 56 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6AG, tel: 01-630 8793/4. Use the table below to work out whether your financial circumstances qualify you for consideration for an assisted place.*

**WHAT IT WILL COST YOU**

*Parental contribution towards fees on the assisted places scheme for the 1988-89 school year: to work out your relevant income, take gross income before tax and deduct £950 for each dependant child or relative, but excluding the assisted child*

| Relevant income in 1987/88 tax year | One assisted place | For each of two assisted places |
|---|---|---|
| £ | £ | £ |
| 7,258 | free | free |
| 8,000 | 90 | 66 |
| 9,000 | 228 | 171 |
| 10,000 | 402 | 303 |
| 11,000 | 612 | 459 |
| 12,000 | 837 | 627 |
| 13,000 | 1,077 | 807 |
| 14,000 | 1,317 | 987 |
| 15,000 | 1,647 | 1,233 |
| 16,000 | 1,977 | 1,482 |
| 17,000 | 2,307 | 1,728 |

# Ways to keep the worst of the winter fuel bills at bay

**The cold weather has arrived, the heating has been turned up, and soon those dreaded fuel bills will roll in.**

**However, there are many different ways of *paying for gas or electricity and the problems* of high winter costs can often be avoided.**

**● Quarterly bills. If you do not use much fuel this will probably suit you. The main drawback is that if you have a high fuel consumption during the winter the bill covering that period can be high.**

**● Standing orders. You can ask your bank to arrange to pay your bills this way. Your account must of course normally be in credit. The Post Office and some building societies offer similar arrangements.**

**● Budget payments. You can ask your fuel board to let you pay on a monthly budget basis. The board will calculate roughly what your bills will be for the next 12 months and average out the payments over the months. Consequently you make the same payments every month – so it is not quite so difficult in the winter. At the end of the year the board will send you a statement which shows whether you have paid too much or too little. Very often if you are in credit at this stage you will be given a refund. However, if you have underpaid you may be asked to make a small lump sum payment – though often the the debt can be carried over to the next 12 months, but you may have to increase your monthly payments.**

**● Flexible payments. The gas and electricity boards issue special paying-in cards from showrooms and you use them to pay in any amount whenever you like. At the end of each quarter you will be charged the difference between what you have paid and the amount of the bill.**

**● Stamps. The gas and electricity boards also sell special fuel saving stamps which can then be used to pay towards your bill. These are inter-changeable so you can use gas stamps to pay for electricity and vice versa. You could of course simply buy Post Office saving**




**stamps. In all cases with stamps though there is always the risk of theft.**

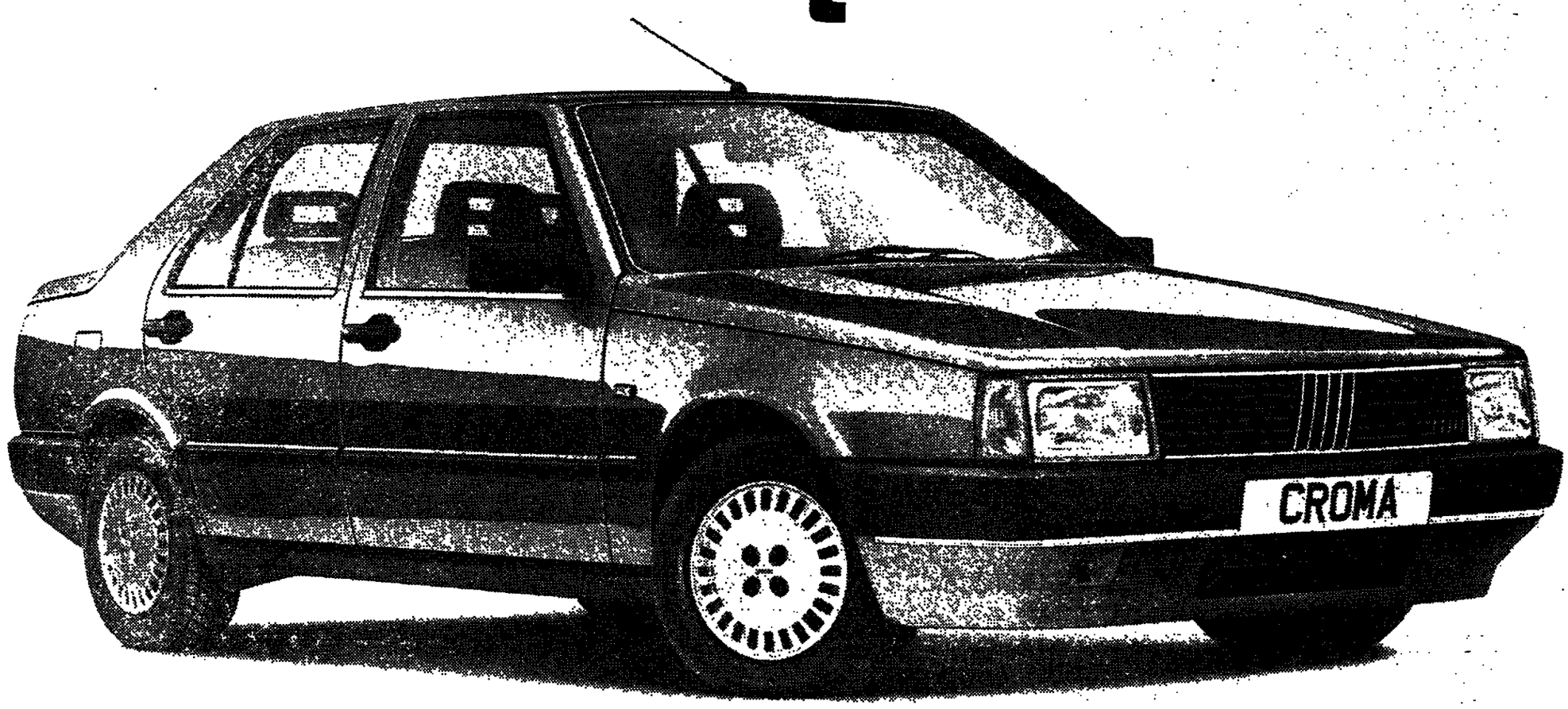
**● Slot meters. Since some people are afraid to use too much fuel during the winter in case they cannot meet the quarterly bill, they prefer to use slot meters. But the fuel is paid for before it is actually used. Although this avoids the fear of high bills, there are several disadvantages. The fuel boards tend to levy a higher standard charge for slot meters and the meters may not be very safe to use. For example, if you have a gas water heater with a pilot light, the pilot will go out once the money runs out.**

**● Budget meters (for electricity) are a relatively new concept. They are similar to slot meters but do not take coins. When the meter is installed you are issued with a key which you take to the electricity showroom where it is charged. You insert the key in the machine and pay in anything between £1 and £99. You then use the key in your meter and this allows you to use the number of units that you have bought. Obviously these are much more secure than ordinary slot meters.**

**Charles Jackson**

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# BETTER VALUE, BETTER SPECIFICATION, BETTER QUALITY.

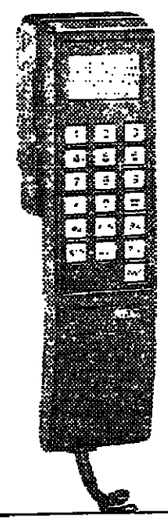



# BETTER

The Fiat Croma, classed as an executive car, but when you're behind the wheel, you can tell instantly that it's in a class of its own. There are four in the range: the Croma CHT, the Croma i.e. Super, the Croma i.e. SX and the Croma Turbo i.e.

Better performance. The uniquely engineered twin overhead cam 2.0 litre engine, CHT (Controlled High Turbulence, unique to Fiat) and a body composed of only 321 parts for extra lightness, present outstanding fuel efficiency with no sacrifice to performance. Top speeds vary from a useful 113 mph to over 130.† Even the Ford Granada 3.0 EFI Ghia can't better that.

Better economy. The Croma CHT's fuel consumption of 51.4 at 56 mph* makes some comparable cars look somewhat thirsty. The Rover 800 fastback can only manage 45.8 mpg, for example.



Better safety. Both the Croma SX and the Turbo sport Bosch Electronic 4 wheel ABS (Anti-Lock Braking System) as standard for effortless, controlled braking to match their effortless power. Compare that with the Vauxhall Carlton 2.0i GL and CD, the Rover 827i fastback and the Saab 9000i, which don't. You also have the added security of a 6-year anti-perforation warranty and 3-year warranty insurance on all Croma models.

You'd be hard put to it to better the equipment too, the Croma has every luxury you'd expect from an executive car. Better still, every Croma purchased between 1st September and 31st December comes with a free NEC mobile phone worth £1200, including installation by A.A.‡ Mobile Communications. The NEC allows you to make "hands off" calls so that you can drive as you talk, while your Croma becomes an instant mobile office, saving time and hassles.

Should you be thinking that the cost of a Croma is bound to nudge the top end of the executive bracket, knowing that prices range from just over £10,500 to a little over £15,500 should make you feel even better.

So dial 01-897 0922 for details of your local dealer and arrange to test drive the Fiat Croma today. That's best.

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*DOE FUEL ECONOMY FIGURES FOR THE CROMA CHT (CAR FEATURED) 33.2 MPG (8.5L/100 KM) URBAN CYCLE, 51.4 MPG (5.5L/100 KM) AT A CONSTANT 56 MPH, 39.2 MPG (7.2L/100 KM) AT A CONSTANT 75 MPH. †WHERE LEGAL SPEEDS PERMIT. ‡ OFFER OPEN BETWEEN 1st SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER 31st. ALL COSTS INCURRED THROUGH CONNECTION AND USAGE ARE THE LIABILITY OF CAR OWNER. 1ST YEAR MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY; SECOND AND THIRD YEARS MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN INSURANCE. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT FIAT INFORMATION SERVICE, DEPT CROUB, PO BOX 878, SLOUGH, BERKS. TEL: 01-897 0922.

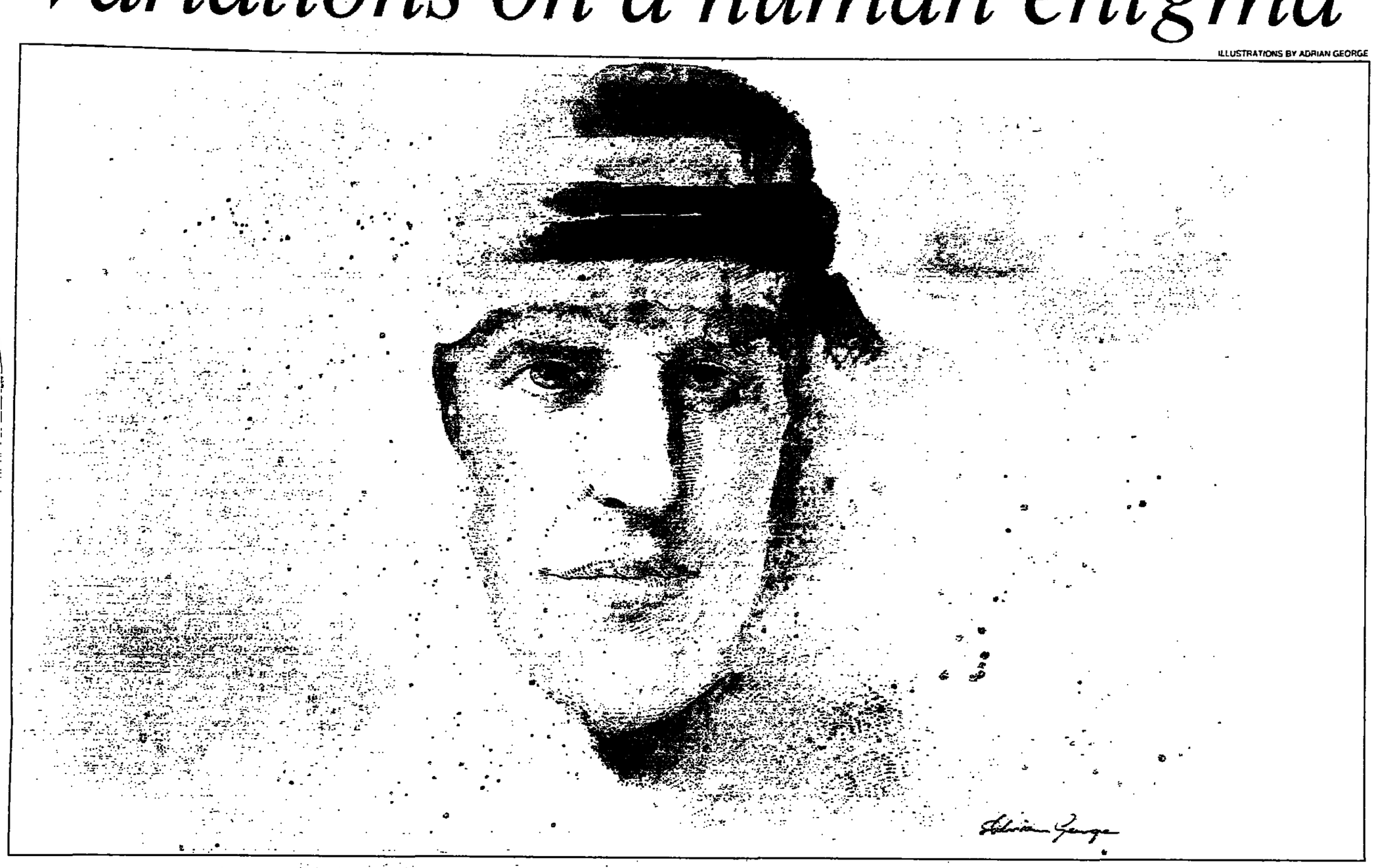
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# Variations on a human enigma

ILLUSTRATIONS BY ADRIAN GEORGE



**A new collection of the letters of T.E. Lawrence shows this most mysterious of men in a different light: and they may be his enduring epitaph**

LAWRENCE'S Seven Pillars of Wisdom *and* The Mint *have long been seen as 20th-century classics, but Sir Basil Liddell Hart was speaking for many when he speculated: "I wonder if he may not live longest in literature through his letters."*

*Lawrence himself would have demurred. "I don't think much of letters as an art form," he wrote to G.W.M. Dunn, poet and fellow-airman, in 1934. "Not even Fitzgerald, or Keats; or D.H. Lawrence or Gertrude Bell's. They all have something ragged, domestic, undressed about them." Yet when he wrote letters he consciously tried to write well. Not that he agonized over them or wrote out fair copies ("It's the first draft, or none," he told Bernard Shaw's wife, Charlotte), but he wanted to communicate with his correspondents and not bore them and that was best achieved by writing lucidly, fluently and with style. He wrote to Eric Kennington: "Each [letter] tries to direct itself as directly as it can towards the person I am writing to: and if it does not seem to me (as I write it) that it makes contact — why then I write no more that night."*

*His letters reveal a much more human and sympathetic figure than either the Beau Geste hero of the 1920s and 1930s or the perverted charlatan he was perceived as in the 1950s and 1960s. Although his story was in many ways tragic, and though he can sometimes sound like Lear on the heath, much of his correspondence is up-beat and high-spirited.*

*One becomes aware of his genuine and lasting concern for friends, particularly for those members of the "rank and file" with whom he aligned himself as an ordinary serviceman. Almost his last letter was to an ex-Tank Corps man, "Posh" Palmer. "Many people oh excellent P, would like to make a complete break with the past — but pasts are unavoidable facts. You can (by the aid of a gas oven) make a complete break with your future . . . but that's all. And at Clouds Hill there are no gas ovens, so I shall look forward to seeing you this summer."*

**Malcolm Brown**

**In May 1915 a younger brother, Frank, died on the Western Front; though T.E. was the second of the five brothers it was usually he who assumed the burden of coping with the emotional demands of their domineering mother**

HIS MOTHER
*(undated)*
*Military Intelligence Office, Cairo*

Poor dear mother,
I got your letter this morning, and it has grieved me very much. You *will* never understand any of us after we are grown up a little. *Don't* you ever feel that we love you without our telling you so? I feel such a contemptible worm for having to write this way about things. If you only knew that if one thinks deeply about anything one would rather die than say anything about it. You know men do nearly all die laughing, because they know death is very terrible, and a thing to be forgotten till after it has come.

There, put that aside, and bear a brave face to the world about Frank. In a time of such fearful stress in our country it is one's duty to watch very carefully lest one of the weaker ones be offended: and you know we were always the stronger, and if they see you broken down they will all grow fearful about their ones at the front.

**Lawrence's first published account of the Arab war appeared in three anonymous articles in *The Times* in November 1918. This is from a covering letter to the Editor**

GEOFFREY DAWSON
*November 24, 1918*
*Carlton Hotel, London*

The points that strike me are that the Arabs came into the war without making a previous treaty with us, and have consistently refused to listen to the temptations of other powers. They have never had a press agent, or tried to make themselves out a case, but fought as hard as they could (I'll swear to that) and suffered hardships in their three campaigns and losses that would break up seasoned troops. They fought with ropes round their necks (Feisul had £20,000 alive & £10,000 dead on him) and did it without, I believe, any other very strong motive than a desire to see the Arabs free. It was rather an ordeal for as very venerable a person as Hussein to rebel, for he was at once most violently abused by the Moslem press in India & Turkey, on religious grounds.

Hussein took the headship of the Arabs because he was invited to, by all the Arab secret societies, as the one man whose pre-eminence was founded on an arbitrary reason — birth.

England spent about £10,000,000 in all on the Arabs, and two of the British staff were killed over it. More should have been but there were only about 20 of us all told.

The actual value of Arab alliances is a matter of opinion (posterity's opinion, probably), but the East has been rather impressed by our having taken the most unlikely material in the world, and pushed it to undreamed of success. And we have done it all without losing a grain of its good will!

**The "wrathful portrait" of which Lawrence writes here is now in the Tate Gallery**

AUGUSTUS JOHN
*March 19,1920*

Dear John,
Really I'm hotter stuff than I thought: the wrathful portrait went off at top speed for a thousand to a *Duke!* That puts me for the moment easily at the head of the field in your selling plate. Of course I know you will naturally think the glory is yours — but I believe it's due to the exceeding beauty of my face.

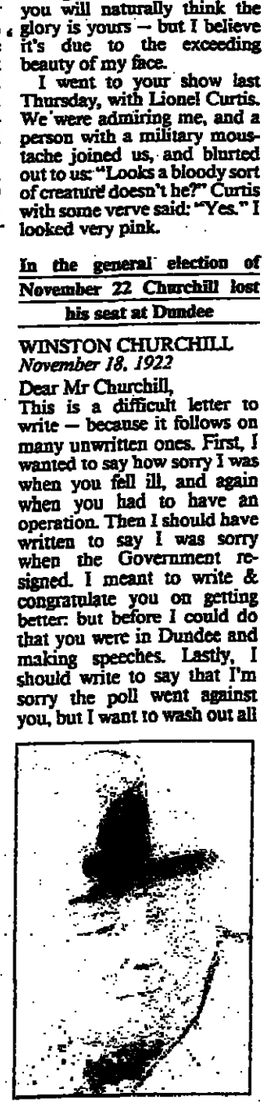
I went to your show last Thursday, with Lionel Curtis. We were admiring me, and a person with a military moustache joined us, and blurted out to us: "Looks a bloody sort of creature doesn't he?" Curtis with some verve said: "Yes." I looked very pink.

**In the general election of November 22 Churchill lost his seat at Dundee**

WINSTON CHURCHILL
*November 18, 1922*

Dear Mr Churchill,
This is a difficult letter to write — because it follows on many unwritten ones. First, I wanted to say how sorry I was when you fell ill, and again when you had to have an operation. Then I should have written to say I was sorry when the Government resigned. I meant to write & congratulate you on getting better: but before I could do that you were in Dundee and making speeches. Lastly, I should write to say that I'm sorry the poll went against you, but I want to wash out all these lost opportunities, & to give you instead my hope that you will rest a little: six months perhaps. There is that book of memoirs to be made not merely worth £30,000, but of permanent value. Your life of Lord Randolph shows what you could do with memoirs. Then there is the painting to work at, but I feel that you are sure to do that anyhow: but the first essential seems to me a holiday for you. It sounds like preaching from a younger to an elder (and is worse still when the younger is an air-man-recruit!) but you have the advantage of 20 years over nearly all your political rivals: and physically you are as strong as any three of them (do you remember your camel-trotting at Giza, when you wore out all your escort, except myself, & I'm not a fair competitor at that!) and in guts and power and speech you can roll over anyone bar Lloyd George: so that you can (or should) really not be in any hurry.

Of course I know that your fighting sense is urging you to get back into the scrimmage at the first moment: but it would be better for your forces to rest & re-arrange them: & not bad tactics to disengage a little. The public won't forget you soon, & you will be in a position to choose your new position and line of action more freely, for an interval. I needn't say that I'm at your disposal when you need me — or rather if ever you do. I've had lots of chiefs in my time, but never one before who really was my chief. The others have needed help at all times: you only when you want it: — and let me say that if your tools in the rest of your career to date had been of my temper you would have been now too big, probably, for the country to employ! That's a modest estimate of myself, but you know it doubles the good of a subordinate to feel that his chief is better than himself.

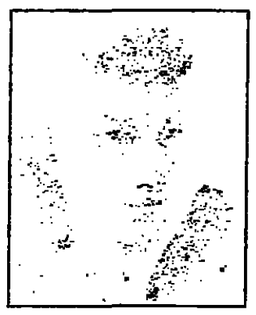


**Lawrence had become a friend of Robert Graves while at All Souls College, Oxford in 1920**

ROBERT GRAVES
*March 20, 1923*
*14 Barton Street*

Dear R.G.,
I've been some while wanting to write, & your note (which came to hand yesterday) is the last straw to weigh down my mind.

Sorry to have missed you in London: but my movings have been eccentric of late. The RAF threw me out, eventually. Crime of too great publicity. Stainless character. I took the latter to the WO and persuaded them to let me enlist with them. So I'm now a recruit in the Tank Corps. Conditions tough, companions rough, self becoming rough too. However, there is a certainty and a contentment in bed-rock.



I wanted to ask you . . . we are near Dorchester, & I run about Dorset on wheels (when they take their eyes off us) . . . do you think old Hardy would let me look at him? He's a proper poet & a fair novelist, in my judgement, & it would give me a feeling of another mile-stone passed if I might meet him. Yet to blow in upon him in khaki would not be an introduction. You know the old thing, don't you? What are my hopes?

**Lawrence hated the Tank Corps and fought hard for readmittance to the Air Force. In August 1925 he got his way but a month later his equilibrium was shattered by a meeting with Feisal, whose right-hand man he had been in Arabia and Paris, now visiting Britain as King of Iraq. His account of this experience to Bernard Shaw's wife Charlotte, by now his most constant correspondent, has been described as "perhaps the bitterest of all his letters"**

MRS CHARLOTTE SHAW
*September 28, 1925*
*RAF Cranwell*

Do you know what it is when you see, suddenly, that your life is all a fuin? Tonight it is cold, and the hut is dark and empty, with all the fellows out somewhere. Every day I haunt their company, because the noise stops me thinking. Thinking drives me mad, because of the invisible ties about me which limit my moving, my wishing, my imagining. All these bonds I have tied myself; deliberately, wishing to tie myself down beyond the hope or power of movement. And this deliberation, this intention, rests. It is stronger than anything else in me, than everything else put together. So long as there is breath in my body my strength will be exerted to keep my soul in prison, since nowhere else can it exist in safety. The terror of being run away with, in the liberty of power, lies at the back of these many renunciations of my later life. I am afraid of myself. Is this madness?

The trouble tonight is the reaction against yesterday, when I went mad:- rode down to London, spent a night in a solitary bed, in a furnished bedroom, with an old woman to look after the house about me: and called in the morning on Feisal, whom I found lively, happy to see me, friendly, curious. He was due for lunch at Winterton's (Winterton, with me during the War, is now U.S. of S. for India). We drove there together and had lunch in Winterton's lovely house, a place of which I'm splendidly fond, because it has been his for hundreds of years, and is so old, so carelessly cared for.

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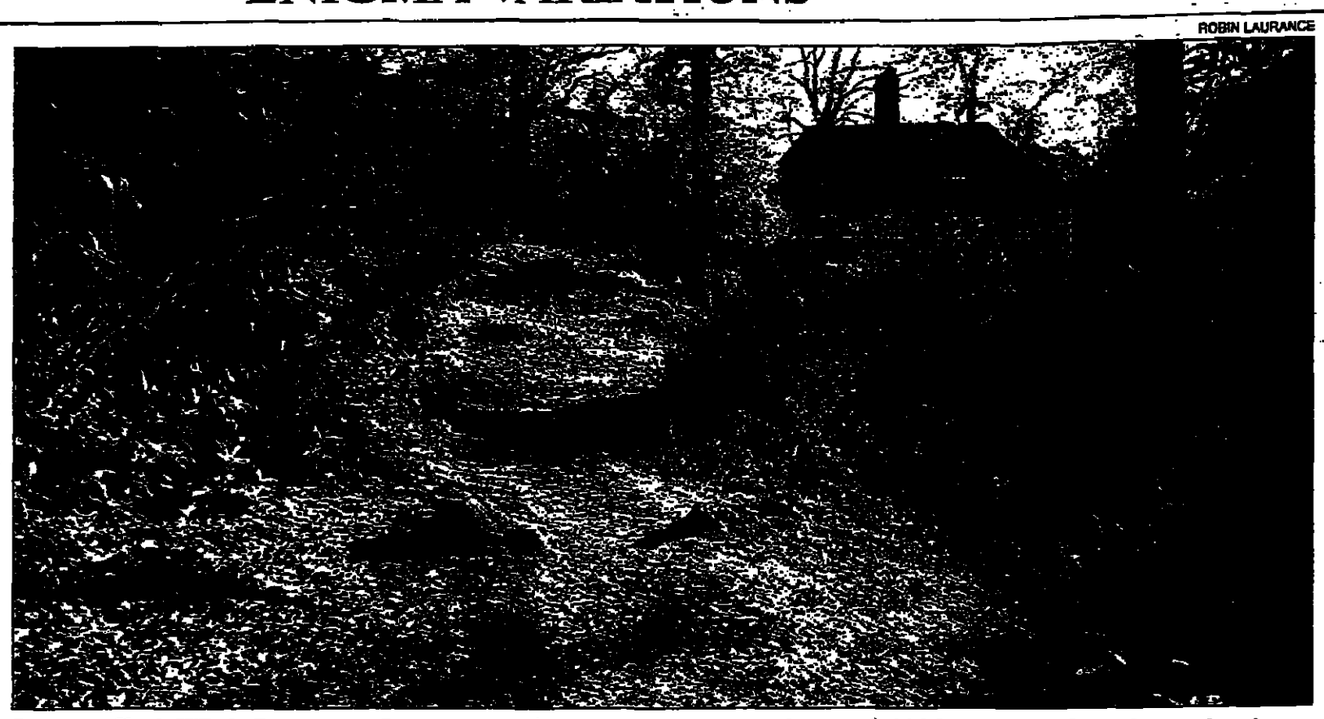
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ROBIN LAURANCE



Sanctuary: Clouds Hill, the Dorset cottage Lawrence moved into when he joined the Tank Corps, and which became a draw for aesthetes and servicemen

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*Winterton, of course, had to* talk of old times, taking me for a companion of his again, as though we were once again advancing on Damascus. And I had to talk back, keeping my *end up, as though the RAF* clothes were a skin that I could slough off at any while with a laugh.

But all the while I knew I couldn't. I've changed, and *the Lawrence who used to go* about and be friendly and familiar with that sort of people is dead. He's worse than dead. He is a stranger I once knew. From hence-*forward my way will lie with* these fellows here, degrading myself (for in their eyes and your eyes and Winterton's eyes I see that it is degradation) in the hope that some *day I will really feel degraded,* be degraded to their level. I long for people to look down upon me and despise me, and I'm too shy to take the filthy steps which would publicly shame me, and put me into their contempt. I want to dirty myself outwardly, so that my person may properly reflect the dirtiness which it conceals . . . and I shrink from dirtying the outside, while I've eaten, *avidly eaten, every filthy mor-*sel which chance threw my way.

I'm too shy to go looking for dirt. I'd be afraid of seeming a novice in it when I found it. That's why I can't go off stewing into the Lincoln or Navenby brothels with the fellows. They think it's because I'm superior: proud, or peculiar, or "posh", as they say: and it's because I wouldn't know what to do, how to carry myself, where to stop. Fear again: fear everywhere.

Garnett said once that I was two people, in my book: one wanting to go on, the other wanting to go back. That's not right. Normally the very strong one, saying "No", the Puritan, is in firm charge, and the other poor little vicious fellow, can't get a word in, for fear of him. My reason tells me all the while, dins into me day and night, a sense of how I've crashed my life and self and gone hopelessly wrong: and hopelessly it is, for I'm never coming back, and *I* want to:

O dear O dear, what a coil.

Here come the rest: so here endeth this wail. No more thinking for a while.

I'm pitching it straight away to you as written, because in an hour I'll burn it, if I can get my hands on it.

**When Lawrence was in India Forster sent him some of his "unpublishable" (i.e. overtly homosexual) stories, one of which, *Dr Woolacott*, helped Lawrence to come to terms *with his beating and rape by* Turks in 1917. Lawrence's letter makes clear that he had never voluntarily indulged in homosexual activity**

E.M. FORSTER
*December 21, 1927*
*Karachi*

There is a strange cleansing beauty about the whole piece of writing. So passionate, of course; so indecent, some people might say: but I must confess that it has made me change my point of view. I had not before believed that such a thing could be so presented — and so credited. I suppose you will not print it? Not that it anywhere says too much: but it shows far more than it says: and these things are mysteries. The Turks, as you probably know (or have guessed, through the reticences of the *Seven Pillars)* did it to me, by force: and since then I have gone about whimpering to myself Unclean, unclean. Now I don't know. Perhaps there is another side, your side, to the story. I couldn't ever do it. I believe the impulse strong enough to make me touch another creature has not yet been born in me: but perhaps in surrender to such a figure as your Death there might be a greater realisation — and thereby a more final destruction — of the



body than any loneliness can reach.

Meanwhile, I am in your debt for an experience of such strength & sweetness and bitterness and hope as seldom comes to anyone. I wish my account of it were not so vaguely inadequate: and I cannot suggest "more when we meet" for it will be hard to speak of these things without dragging our own conduct and bodies into the argument: and that's too late, in any case.

**GBS admired Lawrence, but was puzzled by his eccentric behaviour**

BERNARD SHAW
*July 19, 1928*
*Miranshah*

I haven't answered your last line "What is your game *really?"* Do you never do things because you know you must? Without wishing or daring to ask too deeply of yourself why you must? I just can't help it. You see, I'm all smash, inside: and I don't want to look prosperous or be prosperous, while I know that. And on the easy level of the other fellows in the RAF I feel safe: and often I forget that I've ever been different. As time passes that war and post-war time grows less and less *probable, in my judgement. If* I'd been as accomplished as they say, surely I wouldn't be in the ranks now? Only please don't think it is a game, just because I laugh at myself and everybody else. That's Irish, or an attempt to keep sane. It would be so easy and so restful just to let sanity go and drop into the dark: but that can't happen while I work and meet *simple-hearted people all day* long. However, if you don't see it, I can't explain it.

**Soon after his return from India, Lawrence, through the Shaws, became a friend of Lady Astor and a frequent visitor to Cliveden and other Astor houses**

MRS CHARLOTTE SHAW
*July 10,1929*
*RAF Cattewater, Plymouth*

Lady Astor was very nice, and almost quiet, at moments, when I saw her a week ago. I think she will be very nice when her legs get tired of running. She leaves me breathless. I told her she was a cocktail of a woman, and about as companionable as a typhoon. That shocked her: so I explained that GBS was a cocktail too, and that you were not. You were habitable: but you are rather like the Semitic God, of whom it is easy to say what isn't, but impossible what is. I have never tried to describe you in words. Did I tell her that the blend of you and G.B.S. was a symphony of smooth and sharp, like bacon and eggs? Possibly. Conjoined you would be complete humanity. Whereas poor Nancy is only a whirling atom.

**By now deeply involved in his work on RAF air-sea rescue boats, he nevertheless found time for occasional incursions into society, thus enlarging his considerable circle of friends**

MRS CHARLOTTE SHAW
*August 15, 1930*

. . . On Wednesday I lunched with Philip Sassoon, with whom came Nöel Coward. He is not deep but remarkable. A hasty kind of genius. I wonder what his origin *is? His* prose is quick, balanced, alive: like Congreve, probably, in its day. He dignifies slang when he admits it. I liked him: and suspected that you probably *do not. Both of us are right.*

Thence here, all last night in the train. Head like a boiled apple. Tomorrow I am to fly across into Kent and back on Monday. Meanwhile, *The People* has discovered me at Filton, near Bristol, and the German Press is confident I am in Kurdistan . . .

**The American poet Ezra Pound, with whom Lawrence had first corresponded in 1920, had become obsessed with the idea that economic corruption — which he stigmatized as "usura" — was the source of all the world's ills**

EZRA POUND
*December 7, 1934*
*Ozone Hotel, Bridlington*

Dear E.P.

Your sheet of questions — they don't matter, either. I don't care a hoot for economics, or our money system, or the organisation of society. Such *growths are like our stature;* what time I have for thinking (not enough, I agree) goes, or tries to go, upon themes within my governance. A fig for financiers.



Of course I know that economics is the fashionable theme, today. A fad almost. Everybody talks and writes about production and exchange and distribution and consumption. Twenty years ago science was the subject that we all let off hot air about. *It was going to do what the* lads fancy political economy will do now. Ah well; I'm 46, and if I live another 20 years there may be a prevalent fashion less dull than economics, and perhaps I'll join in that.

**Out of the RAF and trying to attune to a new life, Lawrence found himself yet again suffering from press harassment**

WINSTON CHURCHILL
*March 19, 1935*
*c/o Sir Herbert Baker,*
*2 Smith Square, Westminster*

Dear Winston,

I wonder if you can help me? My RAF discharge happened about three weeks ago, and I've since had to run three times from my cottage in Dorset (where I want to live) through pressure from newspaper men. Each time I've taken refuge in London, but life here is expensive, and I cannot go on moving about indefinitely.

My plan is to try and *persuade the press people, the* big noises, to leave me alone. If they agree to that, the free-lancers find no market for their activities.

What I am hoping from you is a means of approach to Esmond Harmsworth, who is the new Chairman of the Newspaper Proprietors Association. He used to know me in Paris, 16 years ago, but will have forgotten. If you could tell him I exist, and very much want to see him, I could put my case before him in 10 minutes and get a Yes or No.

I am writing to you because I fancy, from something you once said, that you are (or were) on good terms with Esmond — who anyway used to be a decent person. If you can get in touch with him, without embarrassing yourself, I would be most grateful.

I'll see Sir Herbert Baker tomorrow and get him to keep for me any message that may arrive during this week. I believe his Smith Square house is on the telephone, if that simplifies things: though it usually is more trouble than it is worth.

I'm sorry to appeal in this way; but they have got me properly on the run. I blacked the eye of one photographer last Sunday and had to escape over the back of the hedge!

**Lawrence at times felt his severance from the Air Force as a kind of bereavement; he seemed unable to accept support from his friends, such as Lady Astor's offered access to her home at Plymouth**

LADY ASTOR
*May 5, 1935*

It is quiet here now, and I feel as though I were fixed in my cottage for good. It is as I thought . . . something is finished with my leaving the RAF. It gets worse instead of healing over.

When *I* see the little latch-key in my pocket I get sorry for having troubled you without cause. Am I to send it back? I am most sorry.

**Lawrence's *fatal motor* cycle accident took place on May 13, 1935. He had ridden to Bovington Post Office to send a telegram. On his way back he came upon two errand boys on bicycles. In attempting to avoid them he clipped the rear bicycle and crashed, suffering severe head injuries. He died on May 19 without regaining consciousness. He was 46**

*The Letters of T.E. Lawrence, selected and edited by Malcolm Brown, was published this week by Dent (£18).*

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## From Larkin to Lodge, Macmillan to Mozart, Ireland to Hong Kong – a selection of *Times* writers and critics suggest some of their favourite books of 1988 to give as presents



**PETER ACKROYD**
My choice of the most enjoyable reading this year is entirely connected with poetry: John Ashbery's latest volume, **April Galleons** (Carcanet, £8.95), is astonishing in its range and power. **Crossing The Frozen River** (Paladin, £5.95), Lee Harwood's collected poems, is the work of a poet who deserves *much* greater recognition. **Collected Poems and Selected Prose of A. E. Housman**, edited by Christopher Ricks (Allen Lane £18.95), must stand high on any list for sheer enjoyment.

**VICTORIA GLENDINNING**
Penelope Fitzgerald's **The Beginning of Spring** (Collins, £10.95) is an unforgettably sad and funny novel set in Moscow in the winter of 1913. So much about the texture of life in the nervous, ice-bound city is conveyed that *you feel*, afterwards, as if you had read a much denser book.

**WOODROW WYATT**
**Horsesweat and Tears** by Simon Barnes (Heinemann, £12.95) is the most civilized book I have read on racing. It describes a year's life in the stable of John Dunlop, a leading trainer, with its tragedies, disappointments, excitements, hopes and successes. **Goodbye Fleet Street** by Robert Edwards (Cape, £12.95) is the rattling autobiography of a brilliant editor. New anecdotes about Lord Beaverbrook, Robert Maxwell and others abound. **Tolstoy** by A.N. Wilson (Hamish Hamilton, £16.95) is an original approach to the towering but tiresome subject. It is enthralling and beautifully written.

**RICHARD HOLMES**
In a blazing good year for modern English biography, I have particularly relished a little Celtic twilight and scepticism in the shape of Richard Ellmann's **a long the riverrun** *(Hamish Hamilton, £13.95)*, selected essays, paradoxical and alas posthumous, from the old biographical master of Joyce, Yeats and Wilde. In the same spirit, a heretical and wonderfully provocative account of the earlier storm-and-stress generation, **Romantic Affinities: Portraits from an Age 1780-1830** (The Bodley Head, *£16*), by the young historian Rupert Christiansen, has greatly pleased. Finally, enormous, melancholy satisfaction from Philip Larkin's **Collected Poems** (The Marvell Press/Faber, £16.95).

**FIONA MacCARTHY**
Peter Gay's **Freud: A Life for our Time** (Dent, £16.95); Michael Holroyd's **Bernard Shaw, Volume 1** (Chatto & Windus, £16); and Dame Alix Meynell's **Public Servant, Private Woman** (Gollancz, £16.95), the most captivating autobiography for years, by the widow of the publisher and poet, Francis Meynell, who was herself, as Alix Kilroy, a woman of power at the Board of Trade. It is a candid and intelligent portrayal of an unconventional marriage and devoted female friendship with Evelyn Sharp.

***JAMES WOOD***
One book arrived this year with the finality of a tombstone, and a sad inscription for a title: Larkin's **Collected Poems** (The Marvell Press/Faber, £16.95) means what it mourns – there can be no more poems. Inside that book, however, are the best poems written in England since Eliot. Larkin the public property is a nostalgic whose famous philistinism seems like the quaint quintessence of Englishness. But the Larkin of the poems is not a nostalgic but an elegist. A nostalgic remembers the presence of the past; an elegist dismembers its absence. For him every moment is elegiac because every moment has disappeared as soon as you live it, and certainly as soon as you record it in a poem.

**JONATHAN MEADES**
Peter Conrad's **Down Home** (Chatto & Windus, £12.95) is not in the least "down home". There is nothing quaint, nothing folklorically cracker-barrel about this autobiography, which poses as a travel book, which in turn mutates into an hallucination of Tasmania and thence into a gaudy run-in with *mnemosyne*, a meditation on belonging, an investigation of place-time. Alain Robbe-Grillet's **Ghosts In The Mirror**, translated by Jo Levy (John Calder, £10.95), is another *tour de force* of reminiscence contaminated by invention, another record of luminous self-creation.

**BRYAN APPLEYARD**
Michael Moorcock, one of our best novelists, was studiously ignored by the Booker judges. **Mother London** (Secker & Warburg, £9.95) was his masterpiece and should be read and re-read in years to come. John Ashbery's **April Galleons** (Carcanet, £8.95) was as beautiful a collection of poetry as one could wish for. As if that weren't enough, Don DeLillo's **Libra** (Viking, £11.95) gave one the uneasy, but definitely exhilarating, feeling that the Americans are doing something newer and better in prose as well.

**CHRIS PEACHMENT**
*Most pleasure of the year was* afforded by Alan Ross's **Coastwise Lights** (Collins, £12.50). The autobiographical element of his book is decently modest, it is written in excellently clear prose, which reads like the raw material for his poetry, and it contains acute, friendly portraits of postwar literary figures from the likes of Julian McLaren-Ross and Henry Green to Agatha Christie. I also enjoyed Barry Unsworth's **Sugar and Rum** (Hamish Hamilton, £11.95), and David Lodge's **Nice Work** (Secker & Warburg, £10.95).

### FICTION

**JOHN NICHOLSON**
In a disappointing year, I'll go for two newcomers. **The Eden Man** (André Deutsch, £10.95) is wildly funny and better controlled than anything written by Tom Sharpe since the early Seventies. Neil Ferguson's **Putting Out** (Hamish Hamilton, £10.95) was another very accomplished *first novel*. It's a spoof thriller set in the upper reaches of New York's rag trade. George MacDonald Fraser's **The Sheikh and the Dustbin** (Collins Harvill, £10.95) brought the Private McAuslan saga to a suitably rousing conclusion.

**ELAINE FEINSTEIN**
**Love in Time of Cholera** by Gabriel Garcia Marques (Cape, £11.95) is a delight; a pungent, quirky tale of long marriage, patient courtship and sex in old age, very much his best book since *100 Years of Solitude*. **Nice Work** by David Lodge (Secker & Warburg, £10.95) is an ingenious and extremely funny look at contemporary England divided into two nations every bit as much as in Disraeli's time. And Tom Wolfe's amazing **Bonfire of the Vanities** (Cape, £12.95) is satire on a grand scale – the fastest and most compulsively readable book of the year.

**PHILIP HOWARD**
**Oscar and Lucinda** by Peter Carey (Faber, £10.95) is a Booker winner that one can enjoy as well as admire. Starting with a religious war between the generations (which borrows a lot from Gosse's *Father and Son*), it travels to Sydney of a century ago. Here, it describes a rich world of Dickensian characters, with fascinating detail on private pursuits from glass-making to gambling, drama and jokes. **Nice Work** by David Lodge (Secker & Warburg, £10.95) mixes Lodge's Never-Never Academe of Rummidge University with the harsh world of industrial decline outside.

**STUART EVANS**
**Baby Todd and the Rattlesnake Stradivarius** by Teresa Kennedy (The Bodley Head, *£11.95*) for its hilarity, its fantasy and its elegiac moments involving two families in a web of love, laughter, envy, lust and attrition woven around the magic fiddle. **Rich in Love** by Josephine Humphreys (Collins Harvill, £10.95), for its richness in that very attribute as well as in character and incident, as a delightful young woman sorts out the gentle turbulence of her unpredictable family and in so doing discovers herself. **City of Marvels** by Eduardo Mendoza (Collins Harvill, £10.95), for its picaresque account of a villainous adventurer against the backcloth of Barcelona bustling and groaning with growing pains at the turn of the century.

**ISABEL RAPHAEL**
After the hurly burly guesswork of the breakfast table, how pleasant to sit down with *Philip Howard's paperback of* **Word-Watching** (Elm Tree Books, £4.95), relish the wit of the false etymologies, and enjoy the erudition of the true definitions. The best news on the novel front is that Anita Brookner is back on form with her new book, **Latecomers** (Cape, £10.95); and Alison Lurie is tart and sparkling in **The Truth about Lorin Jones** (Michael Joseph, £11.95).

**ANDREW SINCLAIR**
Ted Hughes and William Blake take the Bible to heart. Only as little children may we aproach the divine. **Tales of the Early World** (Faber, £5.95) may seem to be a children's book, but it is for all who can wonder with the young. I cannot remove Gert Hofmann's **The Parable of the Blind** (Secker & Warburg, £10.95) from my insight. He tells the story of Brueghel's painting of the six blind men *stumbling and screaming*. The door of the underworld is opened by **The Lyre of Orpheus** (Viking, £11.95) by Robertson Davies. This last and best of his trilogy of novels about the influence of a mysterious Canadian painter is a book for Boxing Day to release the belly-laugh.

### THRILLERS

**TIM HEALD**
In the new Deighton, **Spy Hook** (Hutchinson, £11.95), successor to *Game, Set and Match* and precursor of *Line and Sinker*, all the old favourites lurch about the international stage shooting themselves and each other in the feet. They're finally beginning to grow on me, and this time the prose seems to have lost some of the middle-aged spread I thought I'd detected.

### SCIENCE FICTION

**TOM HUTCHINSON**
I realize I was only lukewarm in my original review of Isaac Asimov's **Prelude To Foundation** (Grafton, £11.95), the sixth in his remarkable future- and psycho-history. This, coming last, is the curtain-raiser to the others, Dr A. having obviously had sixth thoughts about how it was all going to originate. It was a book that took me back to the others and the realization that here is one of the most staggering achievements in modern SF.

### POLITICS

**JOHN GRIGG**
Having just finished R.F. Foster's **Modern Ireland 1600-1972** (Allen Lane, the Penguin Press, £18.95), I think it is the book I have most enjoyed this year. Foster is a young Irish historian without illusions. His book is large, but light and comfortable to hold; extremely informative, but never dull. A shorter book with much the same quality is Robert Kee's **Munich, The Eleventh Hour** (Hamish Hamilton, £14.95). As a book to dip into, Bernard Shaw's **Collected Letters 1926-1950** (Max Reinhardt, £30), the last of four volumes edited by Dan H. Laurence, has given me a lot of pleasure.

**JOHN CAMPBELL**
The biography of the year must be Alastair Horne's **Harold Macmillan 1894-1956** (Macmillan, £16.95). This volume only takes *him to the* door of No 10, but his diary throws new light on one of the unlikeliest careers ever to have been crowned by the premiership. Norman Tebbit's **Upwardly Mobile** (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £14.95) narrowly beats Lord Carrington's more gentlemanly reflections for sheer directness. *Tony Benn's diary* really takes off with volume two, **Office Without Power, 1968-72** (Hutchinson, £16.95).

### POETRY

**ROBERT NYE**
Harry Kemp is the real thing – a poet who has gone his own way, indifferent to fame or fashion. The privately printed edition of his **Collected Poems** has all but sold out, but a copy may still be available from the author at 6 Western Villas, Western Road, Crediton, Devon EX17 3NA. I also very much admired Robert Wells's version of **The Idylls of Theocritus** (Carcanet, £9.95) and was glad to see Philip Larkin's *Collected Poems* (The Marvell Press/Faber, £16.95).

### CLASSICS

**PETER JONES**
Adrian Spooner's **Lingo** (Bristol Classical Press, £4.95), a beguiling farrago of Greek myths, cartoons and language games, is the book for any parent or teacher who wants their 11-13 year old to revel in it. G.E.R. Lloyd's **The Revolution of Wisdom** (California, $45) is one of the great contemporary syntheses in the history of ideas: a true classic. It is brilliantly readable.

### THEATRE

**JOHN HIGGINS**
Kathleen Tynan's biography of her husband was perhaps the most valuable guide to the theatre published last year. **Tynan**, now out in paperback (Methuen, £5.95), was not only a portrait of a man far more revealing than one could reasonably expect from a wife, but also a sharp-eyed view of the inside track of London stage and literary life in the Fifties and Sixties. Gerald Clarke's biography **Capote** (Hamish Hamilton, £16.95) also portrays a man and his time. Capote's end was ugly but his beginning was as bizarre as that of the Hollywood star he might have been.

**IRVING WARDLE**
Volume Four of Shaw's **Selected Letters** (Max Reinhardt, £30), which completes Dan Laurence's 23-year labour, is a bedside book to last a lifetime, and the greatest piece of theatrical editing since Heminges' and Condell's First Folio. **Chekhov Plays**, translated and introduced by Michael Frayn (Methuen, £3.95), is another long-term labour of love by Chekhov's best English friend, Constance Garnett. **Vladimir's Carrot**, by John Peter (Methuen, £6.95), opens up the theatrical horizon like nothing since the young Eric Bentley.

### ART

***JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR***
**The Art of Paul Gauguin**, by authors too numerous to mention (Little, Brown, £40), would be the perfect desert island book, supposing one could drag such a hefty volume ashore. It began life as the catalogue of a major show, but just as a picture book it is splendid, and the texts throw *floods of light on the art as* well as the life. Nearer home, I have much enjoyed Michael Felmingham's **The Illustrated Gift Book 1880-1930** (Scolar, £35), which is all about Rackham, Dulac, Heath Robinson and, yes, even Mabel Lucie Attwell.

### MUSIC

**PAUL GRIFFITHS**
Two music books this year stand out for their engaging humanity and inquisitiveness. H.C. Robbins Landon's **1791: Mozart's Last Year** (Thames & Hudson, £12.95) confidently disposes of myth and substitutes truth that is, quite properly, stranger. And many of the truths are pretty strange that turn up in John Tyrrell's appealingly organized and altogether fascinating **Czech Opera** (Cambridge, £25).

### FOOD/WINE

**FRANCES BISSELL**
**Stephanie's Feasts and Stories** by Stephanie Alexander (Unwin Hyman, £16.95) is a warmly inviting and generous book, from its sunny cover through its richly detailed recipes to the unstinting praise Alexander gives to her peers. *Like all good cookery books, it* is more than just a celebration of good food; it is a celebration of a place. Alexander lives and cooks in Melbourne, and she joyfully shares with us Australian cooking today.

**JANE MacQUITTY**
Rambling, infuriatingly illogical and from time to time erroneous, Andrew Barr's **Wine Snobbery** (Faber, £12.95) is nonetheless one of the more enjoyable wine books I have read this year. Dubbed "an insider's guide to the booze business", it does its best to expose the seamier side of the wine trade and mostly succeeds. **Drilling for Wine** by Robin Yapp (Faber Paperback, £6.95) is just the opposite: a highly entertaining, anecdotal dentist-turns-wine-merchant yarn that will appeal to all.

### FASHION

**LIZ SMITH**
*Vogue* dug into its archives for the **History of 20th Century Fashion** (Viking, £30), in which Jane Mulvagh skips from stately Edwardian S-bends to the body-skimming Lycra leggings of the Eighties. Sadly, the book lacks colour in both illustration and comment. Far more fun and stylish is Nicholas Drake's romp through **The Sixties, A Decade in Vogue** (Pyramid, £16.95), and Nicholas Coleridge's exposé of the intrigues and eccentricities of the business in **The Fashion Conspiracy** (Heinemann, £12.95). For pace, plot and style all are outclassed by **Fashion in the *French Revolution*** (*Batsford*, £14.95). Aileen Ribeiro's copiously illustrated account of a decade in which the niceties of dress, for either sex, demonstrate their shades of political opinion.

### CHILDREN

**BRIAN ALDERSON**
*Fleeing from a deluge of non*-sexist, non-classist, non-racist *angst* for teenagers, I took refuge in Gabriel Garcia Marquez's ageist **Love in the Time of Cholera** (Cape, £11.95), and would like to think that that splendid work might give adolescents more to enjoy than the jobs run up for them in the sweatshops of Bloomsbury. For the young who are not yet up to such things, I would like to single out as books of the year the picture book by Sarah Hayes, **This is the Bear and the Picnic Lunch**, illustrated by Helen Craig (Walker Books, £1.99), and the highly original story-sequence by Peter Dickinson **Merlin Dreams**, illustrated by Allen Lee (Gollancz, £9.95).

### SCIENCE

**DAVID JONES**
Modern logic is a devious and intricate structure, far removed from trite deductions about Socrates's morality. In **Forever Undecided: A Puzzle Guide to Godel** (Oxford, £5.95), Raymond Smullyan expounds *it as a series of* nightmarish fables like Alice's adventures in wonderland. Godel's crucial Incompleteness and Consistency Theorems and their corollaries emerge almost naturally, and some recent advances in the subject are lightly sketched. Enthralling, demanding, mind-blowing; a good way into the subject for students and non-specialists, but should have an index.

### ROYALTY

**HUGO VICKERS**
Recent episodes of **Heir of Sorrows** by Silvie Krin (Private Eye, £2.99) are much subtler than earlier ones. I *relished Love in the Saddle* and *Born to be Queen*, and have been known to amuse/bore my friends with readings. The highlight of every episode of Krin's latest endeavour is when the hapless Prince recalls the words of his mentor and guru, Sir Laurens van der Post: "When a man builds a bridge, he must first decide on which side he intends to begin."

### TRAVEL

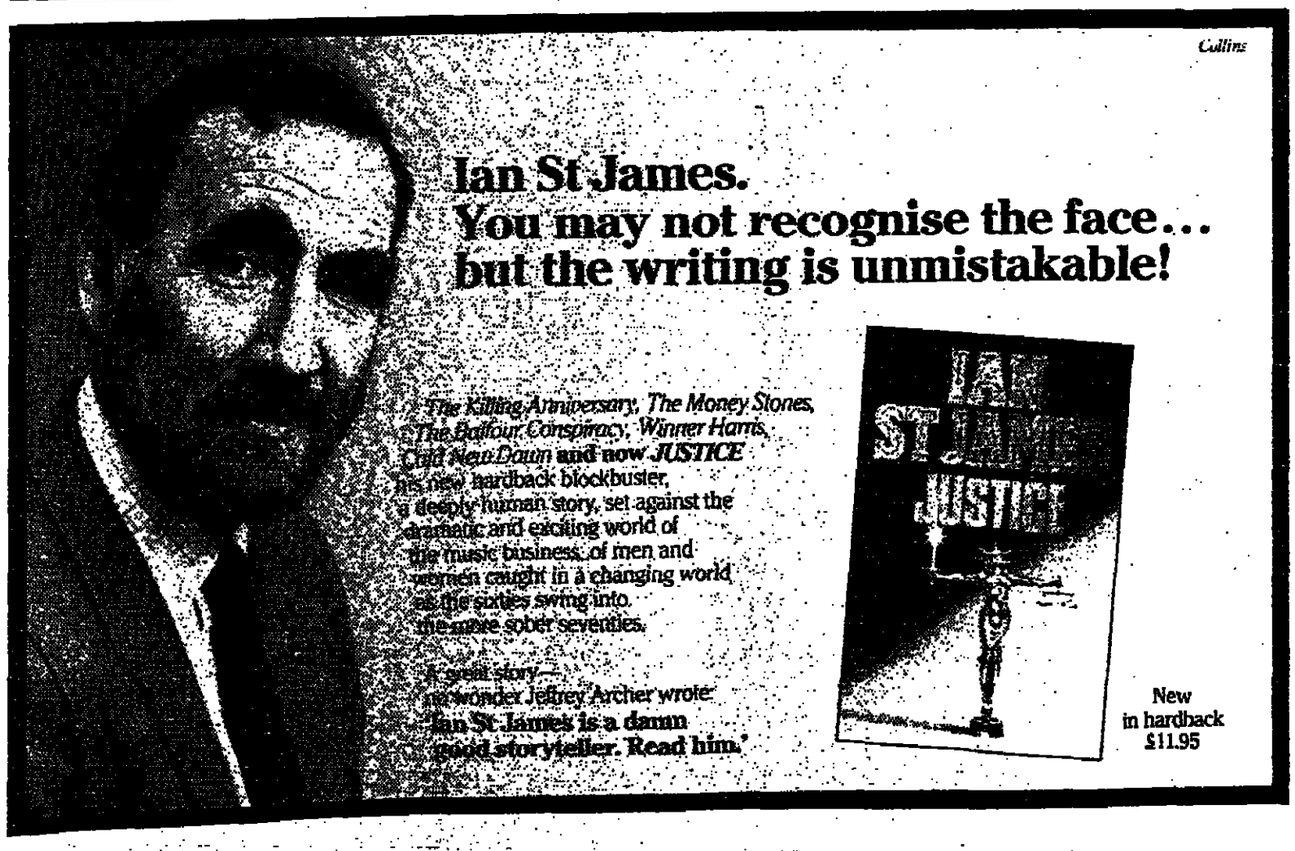
**SHONA CRAWFORD POOLE**
There are travel books that explain places brilliantly, such as Jan Morris's **Hong Kong** (Viking, £14.95). And there are books that do a very good job of describing them. Simon Winchester's **Korea, a Walk in the Land of Miracles** (Grafton, £12.95) was the pick of this year's bunch. I had no *particular interest* in going with Eric Hansen on foot across Borneo in **Stranger in the Forest** (Century Hutchinson, £12.95). But it turned out to be touchingly more than a young American's tale of sweat and leeches. With him I, too, have been there, done that.

### RUSSIA

**ANDREI NAVROZOV**
**Scenes from Russian Life**, by Vladimir Soloukhin (Peter Owen, £13.95). "A cigarette after bathing, raspberries with milk, a cucumber with a tiny thread of dill (it should not be removed), here is my political credo," wrote Vasily Rozanov, one of Russia's subtlest thinkers, a few years before his death of hunger in 1919. In the West, with rare exceptions like Emerson, introspection is a cerebral affair; Russia's *contribution to world culture* is the use of the heart as a precision instrument.

### MILITARY

**WILLIAM JACKSON**
The most important and intellectually satisfying, if not enjoyable, military book of the year was *Professor* Hinsley's latest volume of the **British Intelligence: History of the Second World War** (HMSO, £29.95). Through no fault of his team of official historians, it was published when public attention was focused on *Spycatcher*, and so received far less attention than it deserves. It throws new light on the planning that did so much to win the battles in Normandy, and on the mistakes made by the Allies that led to the disasters at Arnheim and in the Ardennes.


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CHRISTMAS BOOKS

# Keep it private, please

This was to be the year of the ultimate objective review. In co-operation with Daedalus of another newspaper, a cachinnometer had been designed, complete with exhalometer, dacryometer and instruments to measure the snapping of ribs and slapping of thighs, words which do not yet, but doubtless soon will, appear in our revered Lit. Ed.'s Word-Watching (Elm Tree Books, £4.95); alongside "mung", "balls-out", "mirza", and "forswunk", the rat. Strapped like a busker into this formidable apparatus, I needed only to read off the variously calibrated and correlated measurements on the Rictus Scale (which, unusually, has the same outcome at either end: death), report them and collect my cheque. "Alas, the generations of men," as Sophocles once remarked.

It was my misfortune to pick up on **On Humour** by Michael Mulkay (Polity Press, £25). It did not take many of these desperately turgid pages ("any serious message implicit within a humorous graffito is bound to remain uncertain as a result of the interpretative duality of the humorous mode") to convince me that humour is probably one of the most private and personal phenomena there are and that any attempt to discuss it, let alone analyse it, is quite pointless. The cachinnometer now rusts gently in the back yard.

The single most unlikely subject for humour in the whole world must be the stock market, but even that one has been cracked by **The Unabashed Alex** by Peattie and Taylor (Penguin, £3.50), which puts together all the

ON HUMOUR
**Michael Mulkay**
*Polity Press, £25*




Alex cartoons from yet another newspaper into one volume. I suppose it is the combination of sublime selfishness with sublime innocence (and some excellent verbal jokes) that makes it so funny.

It must have been under Alex's influence that I did not immediately hurl into the wastepaper basket **The City Slicker's Handbook**, by Peter Pugh (Michael Joseph, £7.95), which is full of most useful hints for the horrible (for example, do not extradite yourself to a remote tropical island, since it will almost certainly have been ours once and an extradition treaty will consequently be in force).



Nor am I much of an *aficionado* of anthologies of one-liners, especially when they are MPs' one-liners. Grudgingly, I admit that **Westminster Words**, by Knight and Parker (Buchan and Enright, £5.95), has some goodies: "A lawyer is a learned gentleman who rescues your estate from your enemies and keeps it himself" — Lord Brougham).

**The Portable Curmudgeon**, edited by Jon Winokur (Gollancz, £7.95), is intelligently arranged by topic. Who said "Morality is simply the attitude we adopt toward people we personally dislike" — Wilkie, Wells, Shaw, Russell, Mencken, Johnson, Kraus or Rimbaud? Right or wrong, you will find them all quoted on the topic in this collection.

**Home Life Three**, by Alice Thomas Ellis (Duckworth, £9.95) is as irresistible as ever. She is especially sound on architects ("known round here as 'eartattacks"), as is Osbert Lancaster in **The Essential Osbert Lancaster**, edited by E. Lucie-Smith (Barrie & Jenkins, £15.95). I was not acquainted with his writings at all, and found this delightful anthology a considerable eye-opener (on the Scottish baronial style: " . . . drains which conformed to medieval standards with an accuracy which in the rest of the structure remained an eagerly desired but as yet unattained idea").

Much the same can be said of the divine Beachcomber. Michael Frayn's (reprinted) anthology **The Best of Beachcomber** (Heinemann, £5.95) is a miracle. A simple mock book-review leaves me helpless: "*Groaning Carcase* by Frederick Duddle. A very delicate and tactfully written plea for old horses . . ."; and as for the time when, during



**Sir Osbert Lancaster's portrait of Lady Littlehampton, in the style of Picasso, and the great man himself (bottom left)**

the second act of *Faust*, the anaesthetic wore off the whiting which Dr Strabismus had absent-mindedly stuffed in his pocket . . . the cachinnometer would have exploded.

No such danger with this year's crop of *Private Eye* publications, but certainly a few more wheezes than usual. **Colemanballs 4** (André Deutsch, £2.50) is well up to scratch ("Nigel and I hit it off like a horse on fire") and **Eye-Spy** (André Deutsch, £2.95) has its moments ("Sternhold College for Girls: Preparatory for Boys").

But perhaps the former editor comes out on top with **You Might As Well Be Dead** by Ingrams and Rushton (Quartet, £3.95), which has trawled the newspapers for all those things that will kill, maim, irritate or incapacitate us in one way or another (did you realize celery can cause sunburn?).

My only complaint is that Ingrams has omitted *my* important contribution to this debate, made in *The Times* many years ago during a most successful argument I carried on in its august letters page with my father, viz that the onset of Crohn's disease had, in *BMJ*, been correlated with the consumption of cornflakes at *breakfast*. You will look under "Cornflakes" in vain in this otherwise impressively authoritative volume.

**Peter Jones**

# A very British Bean

Apart from securing a copy of the long-awaited supplement to the invaluable "Bean", it isn't easy to pick out the gardening books that will repay more than a casual glance and give real food for thought. Bean is such a very British mix of information: description, cultivation, historical anecdote and the unusual feature on places where you can see good specimens. There is nothing else quite like it. It was getting seriously out of date. Now it is a delight to catch up with recent developments.

Beth Chatto's **Garden Notebook** (Dent, £14.95) gives a gentle, vivid account of the ups and downs of the year's work in a successful plant nursery. It should be required reading for all who have day-dreamed of living by raising plants for sale.

The sheer hard work, the headaches and disappointments would defeat less optimistic spirits than hers. Not that she dwells on the work: rather, one gets a strong and delightful feel of someone continually thrilled by new possibilities, someone very firmly anchored in her world, using skills acquired through years of observant experience. The dictates of the seasons structure the year; preparations for Chelsea play a surprisingly important part.

**Royal Kew** by Ronald King (Constable, £8.95) is a beautifully written history of the Royal Botanic Garden. Since it starts with the Ice Age and pre-history, it takes a while to get the feel of what it is about: it's rather like a pageant, a succession of scenes emerging from the mists of time.

Those who have wondered where Kew's rich collections of plants have come from will be amazed and enlightened; even the knowledgeable should find some surprises. Interwoven with the exploits of intrepid collectors out in the field is a parallel account of developments back at base, the royal goings-on of the early days, and later, more sober professional developments. King has drawn on a refreshingly wide range of sources to create a lively account of Kew's past.

The tercentenary of the Glorious Revolution has been much marked this year. **The Gardens of William and Mary**, edited by David Jacques & Arend van der Horst (Christopher Helm, £15.95) is a source of considerable enlightenment, treating royal gardens in both The Netherlands and Britain. There has been an upsurge in scholarly study in the years since the garden history society began its activities, which has been reflected in the high quality of published material.

This is a well-composed book on a well-chosen field, since it makes such obvious sense to look at the evolution of gardens and style in the two countries together. The development of William and Mary's gardens at Hampton Court and Kensington Gardens is studied in detail and linked to the activities of other members of the Dutch and English court, the whole illustrated by a pleasing mix of giddy aerial views and more prosaic plans and details. A study of different components highlights the way in which so many crafts were blended to create these masterpieces.

The editors have done a splendid job blending the offerings of many specialist contributors to give a book with a clear voice of its own, an insight into the past, with perhaps some lessons for the future.

What is it that causes two authors (in this case two sets of authors) to touch on the same subject at the same time — pure chance or an idea at the right moment? Yet although **Victorian Flower Gardens**, by Andrew Clayton-Payne and Brent Elliott (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £12.95) and **Painted Gardens**, by Penelope Hobhouse (Pavilion/Michael Joseph, £20) both focus on watercolours of gardens painted between 1850 and 1920, their approach is different. Taken together they provide a most interesting survey.

Studying their numerous illustrations, I felt that delicious thrill of seeing with new eyes, as what I had previously lumped together as a rather lacklustre field began to separate into the works of different artists, each with his marked personal style. It may indeed be that paintings provide a better record than words of the vision and inspiration of gardeners of the period.

Clayton-Payne takes the broader look at the relationship between painters and gardeners, tracing how each reacted to the legacy of the past and was able to influence the other. Firmly anchoring the analysis in the social history of the period, it is only slightly marred by an uneasy transition from general essay to comment on individual paintings.

*Painted Gardens*, on the other hand, concentrates more on the painters and the gardens they painted. It is interesting, and perhaps significant, to note how many of these newly made gardens are built around much older buildings. It is difficult to imagine in our own less-confident times many people doing likewise.

It is a pity that no attempt has been made to look at how individual gardens changed during the period. What struck me was the number of paintings of bright gardens against a background of dark wood: a sweet simplicity, or innocent flowers keeping our eyes from something altogether more frightening?

My last choice is a study of garden design since 1939, the usual cut-off point of histories of gardening. Somewhat disappointingly **The Latest Country Gardens**, by George Plumptre (The Bodley Head, £16) looks only at gardens of sizeable country houses, perhaps not the place where today's most interesting new ideas will be found. However, Plumptre writes engagingly, and it is a book of considerable insight. Maybe it is only when you have thus analysed the components of style that you begin to understand what the extra something is that makes a really good garden.

**Francesca Greenoak**

TREES AND SHRUBS HARDY IN THE BRITISH ISLES
**W.J. Bean, eighth revised edition supplement, edited by D.L. Clarke**
*John Murray, £35*




# Jokes in the reign

Sir Frederick Ponsonby's **Recollections of Three Reigns**, first published in 1951, has been reissued in a slightly shortened form (Quartet, £11.95) under the editorial hand of Lord Lambton. It should be entitled **Recollections of Two Reigns**, since this volume concerns Ponsonby's years with Queen Victoria and King Edward VII.

I first read the original book for pleasure at school and it has remained a firm favourite. Ponsonby was obliged to write because of the poor remuneration he received from his Sovereigns. There is not a dull story in the book, from his efforts to get Sarah Bernhardt to sign the Queen's Birthday Book to his enforced afternoon in the Duchess of Connaught's chair when a royal practical joke went wrong. It is sad that the present Queen's reign is unlikely to be recorded by a man of Ponsonby's wit and calibre.

Having travelled along a similar route myself, I very much welcome Sir Roy Strong's **Cecil Beaton, The Royal Portraits** (Thames & Hudson, £18). This handsome and beautifully illustrated book depicts a great number of royal portraits, and is a mixture of Beaton's own diary extracts with a commentary from Sir Roy.

The only possible way to review Prince Charles's over-uncovered early life with any enjoyment is through Charles Knevitt's very funny selection of cartoons, **One's Life** (Michael Joseph; £6.95), with a foreword by Spike Milligan. This book will appeal to the Prince's sense of humour and also assist Inner City Aid, to which all royalties (from sales) are devoted.

It is not every great-aunt who will wish to tackle the inner cities on Boxing Day, but there are two gentler royal biographies. Christopher Warwick's **George and Marina** (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £12.95) does nothing to detract from his opening remarks that they were "the most attractive, popular and, above all, stylish royal couple of their generation".

Interestingly, there has never been a major or authorized biography of the Kents, perhaps because, as Warwick puts it, "in his quest for a good time, some of Prince George's other activities were not so innocent".

Paul James is a man who spends a great deal of his time wandering in the wake of royalty under the auspices of a Royal Rota pass. James was at first reluctant to tackle the Princess of Wales, but has now produced **Diana: One of the Family?** (Sidgwick & Jackson, £12.95). Nothing here to upset the great aunts (except one photograph of Princess Anne, the victim of a windy day), and the author concludes that the Princess of Wales has retained her individuality, yet may never achieve the Queen Mother's serenity.

Best value as an impressive present is **The Oxford Illustrated History of the British Monarchy** (Oxford, £19.95). It weighs in at over two kilos, which is not to imply that it is in any way heavy reading. I particularly enjoy the subtlety of style that produces lines such as "the king in particular seemed a little disinclined to acknowledge that his daughters were growing up". This is a valuable and most readable work of scholarship and reference, but, please, in the reprint *Antony* Armstrong-Jones.

David Williamson has made an authoritative and enjoyable tour of the courts of Europe in **Debrett's Kings and Queens of Europe** (Michael Joseph, £19.95). Where this book is especially successful is in the combination of entertaining essays, biographical details, genealogical tables and splendid and often very funny photographs.

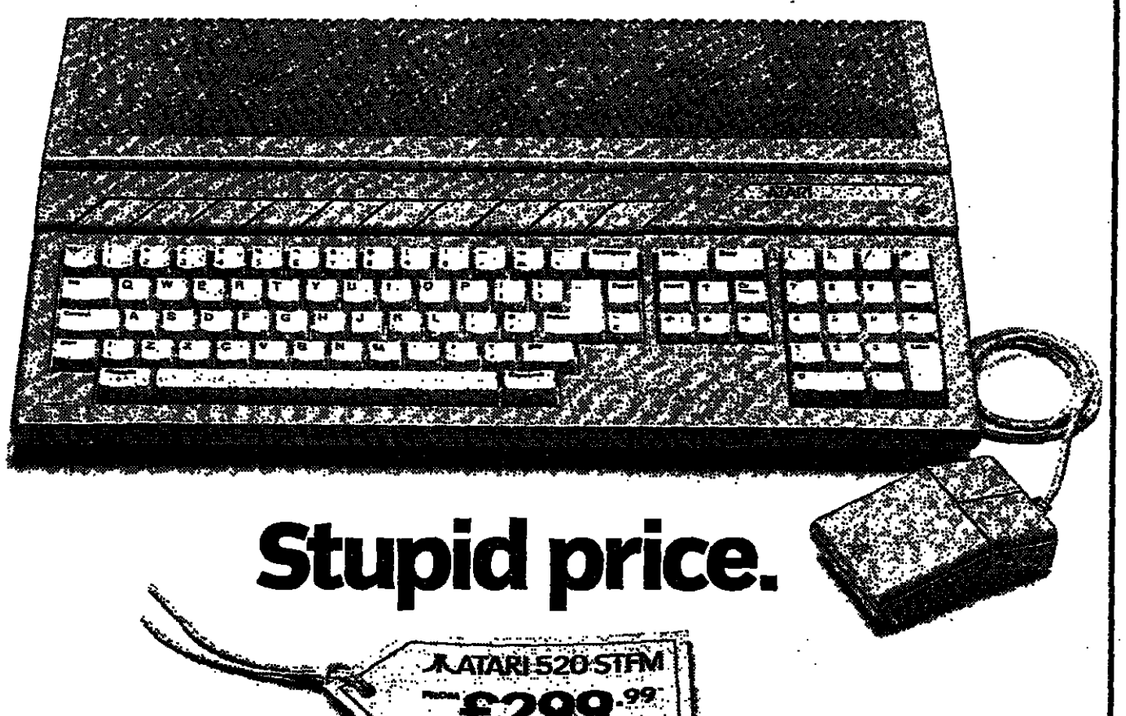
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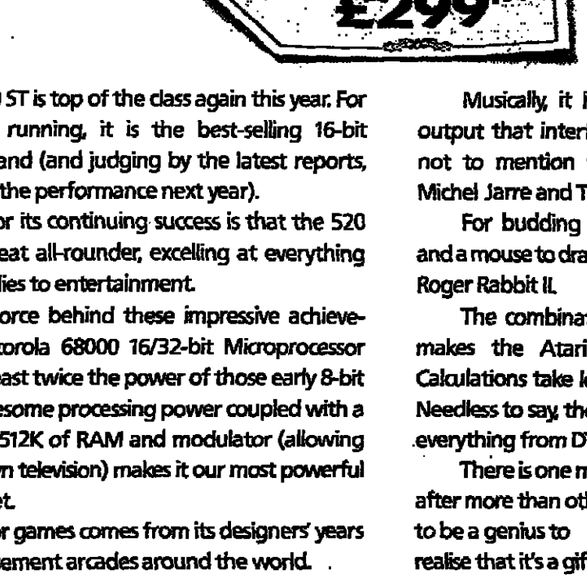




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CHRISTMAS BOOKS

# Classic tales and feathers

Iona Opie has bundled up the feathers from the copious storehouse where she and her husband Peter garnered so many nursery rhymes and ditties, and the collection is laid out as a contribution to the now-successful appeal to obtain the Opie Collection of Children's Books for the Bodleian Library. The feathers make a lovely bunch.

Some will be well enough known, but many are as fresh as they are delightful.

What gives the book additional curiosity value is the embellishing of the rhymes by 60 contemporary illustrators – plus Janet Ahlberg, squeezed on to a single end-paper, and Maurice Sendak, expansive on the cover. This doesn't make for graphic consistency, but it does provide an illuminating anthology of today's illustrative styles.

Clement Moore's verses have been classic Christmas fare in America for over a century. They are not easily converted into a picture-book text, however. In Moore's The

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CHILDREN

**Night Before Christmas** (Viking Kestrel, £6.95), Michael Foreman has had the notion of supplementing his full-page colour illustrations with smaller drawings placed on flaps over the words. Thus, for instance, the reindeer Comet's name is concealed by a little picture that looks like an exploding sky-rocket. The book ends satisfyingly with a double-spread pop-up of St Nicholas taking off for the next chimney.

**Can It Be True?** by Susan Hill, illustrated by Angela Barrett (Hamish Hamilton, £6.95), is at once simple and complex. Hill's recasting of the old idea of beasts and men joining in amity to worship at the stable is most beautiful in its restrained poetry. But its mingling of ancient and modern references makes it less naive than it looks, and this is matched by Barrett's richly composed decorations.

Such happy conjunction in the vision of author and artist is not easy to achieve, and it points up a lack of balance in two otherwise unexceptionable picture books on the same theme: Gerda Marie Scheidl's **The Little Donkey** (Blackie, £6.95), whose text stutters along beside Bernadette Watts's lush illustrations, and Joseph Slate's versified **Who is Coming to Our House?** (Collins, £4.95), with pictures by Ashley Wolff that are too design-conscious by half. Wolff has also just made a picture book out of Stevenson's poem **Block City** (Andersen Press, £5.95). The drawing and colouring are overly emphatic here, too, in the scenes that the child imagines, but they work well for the building and collapse of Block City itself.



One of the fine drawings from Anna Sewell's *Black Beauty* (Gollancz, £8.95) by Charles Keeping, who died this year

**The Annotated Ultimate Alphabet** by Mike Wilks (Pavilion, £12.95) and **The Do-It-Yourself Genius Kit**, illustrated by Judy Brown (Puffin, £2.99), are guaranteed to drive you to a frenzy. The first consists of 26 immensely detailed colour-plates, crammed with objects beginning with all the letters from A to Z. See how many you can find without using the key provided (apparently there are nearly 8,000). The second looks like four tiny, innocuous books in a little box, designed perhaps as a stocking-filler. But be warned. Any child obtaining this set will bombard you from one end of the holidays to the other with useless random information. Well, who wants to know how long the days are on Jupiter?

**An Imaginary Menagerie** by Roger McGough, illustrated by Tony Blundell (Viking Kestrel, £6.95), has 73 sets of versicles running from aardvark to zonk, plus dedicatory lines to the Patternich (Brian Patten and Adrian Mitchell). Not even verse-atile McGough can sustain top-level puns and wisecracks over that distance, but even the boss-shots are unlike anyone else's. What about the "Grey Starling/rescuing sailors/off the Northumbrian coast?"

**In Our Village**, illustrated by Quentin Blake (Walker Books, £8.95), John Yeoman is less eager to be facetious than McGough, bringing his eclogues to neat rather than farcical conclusions: the baker coming out at sunrise after a good day's work, the scarecrow who "might fool me, and might fool you/but doesn't fool the crows". Blake's colour pictures are a perfect accompaniment to the rustic comedy.

**Every Poem Tells A Story**, chosen by Raymond Wilson and illustrated by Alison Darke (Viking Kestrel, £6.95), is an admirable anthology, both for the call that it makes on unusual or little-known poems and for the care with which they have been arranged.

**Saviour Pirotta** is an itinerant storyteller, and in **Storyworld**, illustrated by Fiona Small (Blackie, £7.95), he has collected a varied bunch of tales as recounted by comradely spirits anywhere between Guadeloupe and his own country, Malta.

**The Faber Book of Favourite Fairy Tales**, edited by Sara and Stephen Corrin and illustrated by Juan Wijngaard (Faber, £9.95), presents the Western tradition: the stories that most of us think of as traditional, with even Aladdin and Ali Baba sounding more European than Oriental. A very sleek, handsome book, but I don't care for the overdone Dulac-y, Rackham-y colour-plates.

**Never Meddle With Magic**, chosen by Barbara Ireson and illustrated by Glenys Ambrus and Caroline Sharpe (Puffin, £2.99), was first collected for a volume of bedtime stories; now these tales by modern authors have been used for a shortened paperback. The result is less daunting than the original and shows Ireson's discriminating editorship at its best.

Kevin Crossley-Holland cycles and recycles folk tales with almost mechanical ease. This means that he doesn't work them to quite the same honed edge that similar material gets from a craftsman like Alan Garner, but **Piper and Pooka** and **Small-Tooth Dog**, illustrated by Peter Melnyczuk (Orchard Books, £3.95 each), are vigorous enough. Melnyczuk's little colour vignettes are unusual and apt.

Peter Dickinson's first book for children, *The Weathermonger*, played on the idea of numinous forces at work in modern Britain through the rousing of Merlin from ancient sleep. Now he returns to the theme in **Merlin Dreams**, illustrated by Alan Lee (Gollancz, £9.95), but this time with Merlin casting the spell of sleep upon himself and dreaming stories of the olden time. At first the device seems pointless. But as you are drawn into Dickinson's (Merlin's?) spell, so the dreamer authenticates the narrative.

Margaret Mahy is not after quite such heavy magic as Peter Dickinson in **The Door in the Air and Other Stories**, illustrated by Diana Catchpole (Dent, £7.95), but nor does she give in to whimsy. Mahy's vein of comedy is always present, too, and its offbeat character is seen also in a welcome reissue of her *Nonstop Nonsense*, illustrated by Quentin Blake (Dent, £7.95).

**Jessie Smith** by Magdalen Nabb, illustrated by Pirkko Vainio (Collins, £4.95), offers three brisk stories about a resilient small girl facing up to the obtuseness of rational adults. No magic here, but a very winning style.

Who says outrageously happy endings are a thing of the past? In **Worlds Apart** by Jill Murphy, illustrated by Tudor Humphries (Walker Books, £6.95), Susan Hunter starts telling us her story as though she is yet another victim of the fashion for fictional one-parentism, but parent number two turns up more dramatically than we all anticipated and everything ends in a golden glow of Cinderella finery.

**Brian Alderson**

# Put some spice into dull lives

Single-subject cookbooks have been much in evidence this year. Some of them are very good. I recommend **Classic Cheese Cookery** by Peter Graham (Penguin Cookery Library, £8.95), an excellent collection of recipes supported by well-researched text and apposite illustrations. He includes a whole chapter on toasted cheese. Patrick Rance's **The Great British Cheese Book** (Macmillan, £14.95) is not a cookery book but is essential for all those who wish to see our traditional cheeses maintained and revived. The story of Dorset Blue Vinny reads like the best of detective novels.

As with cheese, so with apples. Ruth Ward's **A Harvest of Apples** (Penguin, £6.99) celebrates the rich variety of apples still to be found in private orchards and gives a wealth of excellent recipes. **English Seafood Cookery** by Richard Stein (Penguin Cookery Library, £7.95) opens with a comprehensive guide to most of the fish caught around the British Isles. His recipes are mouthwatering and his instructions clear and detailed enough to encourage the most timid of fish cooks.

Turning to the store cupboard, Rosamond Man and Robin Weir in **The Compleat Mustard** (Constable, £12.95) tell you more than you ever thought you needed to know about mustard.

Olive oil has never suffered from a lack of respect in my kitchen. Nor in Anne Dolamore's, to judge from **The Essential Oil Companion** (Macmillan, £10.95). The history and geography of the olive, both social and economic, are covered, as well as the properties of the oil.

The cookbook as travelogue has once again been much in evidence this year, with Thai cooking probably topping the charts. **Discover Thai Cooking** (Ward Lock, £12.95) and Vatcharin Bhumchitir's **A Taste of Thailand** (Pavilion £16.95) are both handsome productions which I wish I had read before visiting Thailand earlier this year. Sri Owen's **Indonesian and Thai Cookery** (Piatkus, £8.95) tells us where to buy, how to substitute and even how to grow some of the ingredients.

Spicy, fragrant and distinctive dishes are also to be found in Rosamund Grant's **Caribbean and African Cookery** (Grub Street, £10.95). The recipe for seafood gumbo is particularly good.

**A Flavour of France** by Odette Murray (Constable, £12.95) and **The Taste of Portugal** by Edite Vieira (Hale, £16.95) are both delightful books, describing in loving detail some of my favourite food. Both authors came to Britain in the Sixties, married and settled here, but their nostalgia for the smells and flavours of their native cooking is most poignant.

COOKERY

Lesley Chamberlain's **The Food and Cooking of Russia** (Penguin Cookery Library, £7.99) is a fascinating, well-written and wide-ranging account of a kitchen and style of eating that remains foreign to many of us.

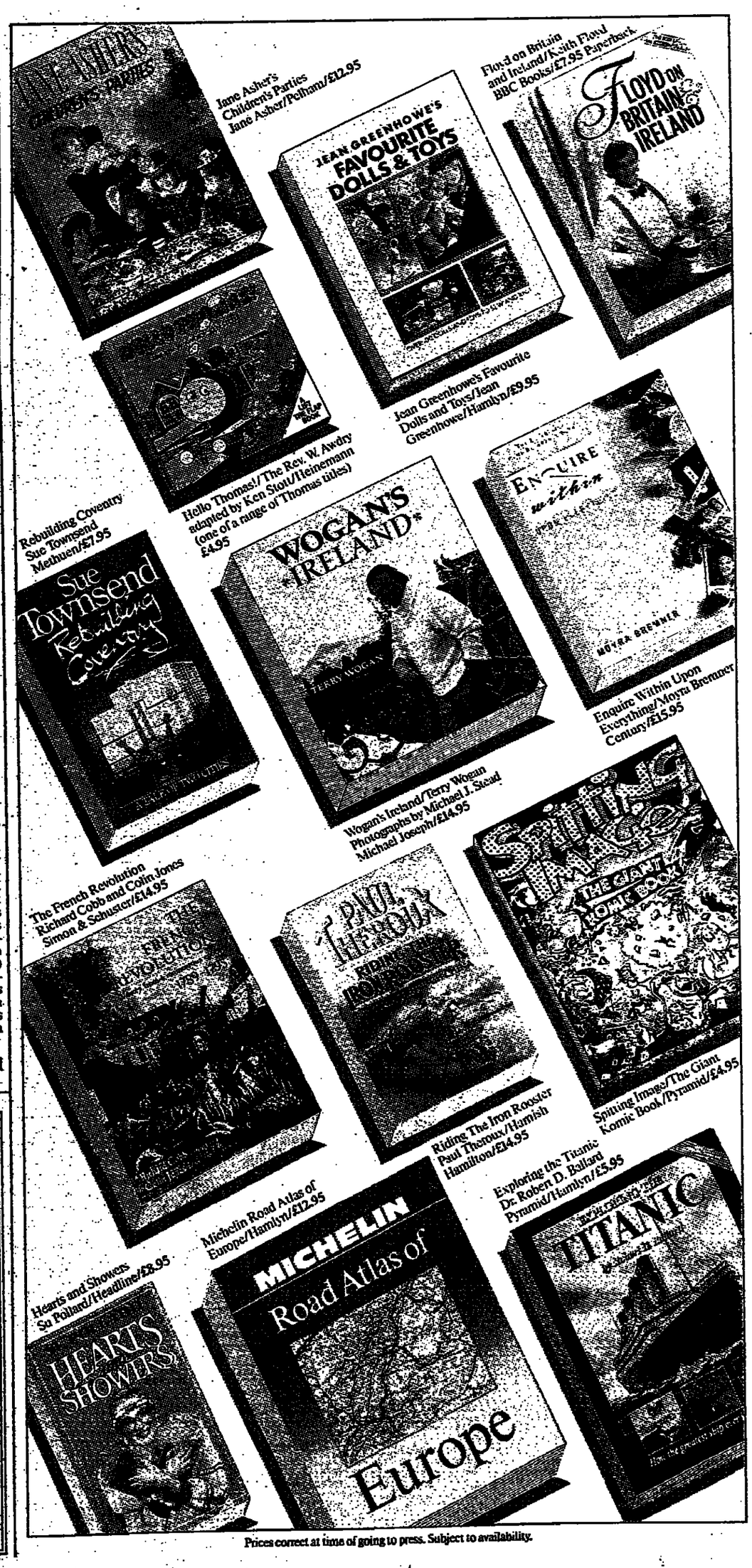
**The Greens Cook Book** (Bantam Press, £12.95) is full of enticing recipes from the restaurant of the same name in San Francisco. This is a vegetarian cookbook that has a place on the shelf of every carnivore who loves good food.

**Cuisine du Terroir** (Corgi, £5.95) and **The Barricaded Larder** by Elisabeth Luard (Bantam, £14.94) both celebrate traditional home cooking, the first that of the French provinces and the second essentially that of Europe as a whole.

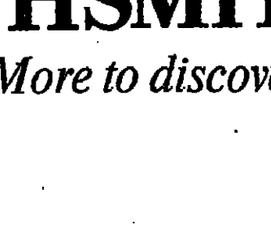
For those who find cookbooks just a little indigestible at bedtime, **Tannahill's Food in History** (Penguin, £8.95) is a world history of food, gleaned from what we know of the earliest archaeological remains to the food scandals of the 1980s. This is also a fascinating detective story.

Scholarly, amusing and thought-provoking, **A Kipper With My Tea** by Alan Davidson (Macmillan, £16.95) is a collection of essays based not only on his extensive travels but on experiments in his kitchen, notably that of making marmalade. **Out to Lunch** by Paul Levy (Penguin, £6.95) is funny and sometimes outrageous. Here is a man who has travelled the world in search of the perfect meal. This delightful book is a collection of his original essays.

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# THE ARTS

# Domingo at his best

THE TIMES NEW GROVE *Musical* CHALLENGE

At the age of 47, the great Spanish tenor Placido Domingo stands at the height of his powers. His natural dramatic instinct makes him a consummate exponent of operatic roles such as Verdi's Radames (in *Aida*). It is in that role that the winner of *The Times*/New Grove Musical Challenge — for which the full set of questions is published today — will see him at the Metropolitan Opera, New York.

Domingo has become one of opera's great popularizers. As well as appearing in films (and on giant screens in Covent Garden), he has sung for 200,000 people in Central Park, New York, and in *Aida* in front of the Temple of Luxor in Egypt.

Along with a 20-volume set of the *New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, the Challenge winner will win a five-day holiday for two in New York from December 30 to January 4, staying at the Grand Hyatt Hotel on 42nd Street. With £200 spending money in his or her pocket, the winner will be invited to a gala evening with Marilyn Horne at the newly-restored Carnegie Hall — and to the Met to hear Domingo.

The second prize is a full set of the main dictionary (published by Macmillan at £1,100); and three runners-up will receive their choice of the New Grove's *Dictionary of American Music*, *Dictionary of Musical Instruments*, or *Dictionary of Jazz* (£395, £295 and £225 respectively).



An early triumph: Placido Domingo as Radames in Aida at Covent Garden in 1974

## HOW TO ENTER

All the questions that have appeared this week are repeated today, with five new ones (please note corrections to questions 12 and 13). Fill in the answers, add your name, address and daytime telephone number, cut out the coupon and send it to: **The Times Musical Challenge, the New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians, London WC9S 9AE.**

The closing date for the competition is 5pm, December 7, 1988. The winners will be announced on December 16. The person with the greatest number of correct answers will be the winner. In the event of a tie, there will be a draw to determine the winner, the second prize winner and, if necessary, the runners-up.

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## THE TIMES/NEW GROVE MUSICAL CHALLENGE

1. In what opera is there a character Sportin' Life?

2. What ballet refers to tennis?

3. What music critic was equally distinguished as a cricket writer?

4. Who wrote a *mouvement symphonique* "Rugby"?

5. What composer was the greatest chess player of his day?

6. In what opera does a man have his brother put to death?

7. In what opera does a man take his brother's place in Hades so that the brother can marry the girl they both wanted?

8. Who said of whom: 'I compose to live; my brother lives to compose'?

9. Which brothers were simultaneously the heads of the two main conservatories in their country?

10. Which great German composer had a brother who taught the piano in Venezuela?

11. Name one composer who murdered his wife.

12. Which composer died after wounding himself with his baton while conducting?

13. Which composer was killed
(a) in a bicycle accident?
(b) by drowning in the English Channel during World War One?
(c) at the Siege of Chester after writing music during the Siege of York?

14. Which composer got himself shot because he went out for a smoke?

15. Name a composer of the baroque period who was murdered.

16. *The Barber of Seville, The Marriage of Figaro* . . . what is the third in the sequence, and who set it as an opera?

17. What operas are set in:
(a) Ennemond; (b) Crete; (c) Sicily; (d) the Moon?
(a) (b)
(c) (d)

18. Which French composer wrote the following, and while writing which opera?: "I have found, and what is more quite spontaneously, a technique which strikes me as fairly new, that is, silence (don't laugh)."

19. (a) Which prima donna, engaged to sing in London, married on the journey from Venice the harpsichordist sent to fetch her?

(b) Which famous librettist ran a distillery in New York and a milliner's shop in Philadelphia?

20. Which castrato:
(a) sang the same song every evening to charm the King of Spain?

(b) was killed because he boasted of a love affair he had with a lady of noble birth?
(c) was allegedly the father of children and recipient of a (lost) scena by Mozart?

21. Name the links:
(a) Lark and Frog
(b) Lark and Wasps
(c) Ghost and Harp

22. Whose daughter:
(a) inspired a violin concerto (please name both parents), and who was the composer?

(b) was called Chou-Chou?

23. What do Jena and Odense have in common?

24. (a) Whose son taught the piano in Lemberg (now Lvov)?

(b) Which director of the Paris Conservatoire is said to have travelled in on the Metro, got out a stop early, and taken a taxi, to keep up appearances?

25. Of which (then young) French composer did Berlioz say: "He knows everything, but lacks inexperience"?

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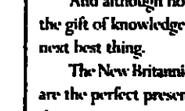
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## Culture vultures

*Arena* (BBC2) launched its new series with a retrospective compilation celebrating 10 years of variable excellence at the hands of men with barbered beards; the presumed relation of grooming to achievement must be suspended for the length of this column.

To say that *Arena* reinvented arts coverage on television is not quite right: rather, it has extended the remit of "culture" to the point where the same focus of attention may be brought to bear on the Chelsea hotel as on Osip Mandelstam, with hardly a self-conscious hiccup. Pseuds enjoy the same billing as artless entertainers and

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world class poets. The guiding principle is curiosity, the presiding method enforced intimacy. These boys have, after all, seen the occasional *nouvelle vague* movie.

Conceptual promiscuity deliberately flirts with its own drawbacks. *Desert Island Discs* (1982) showed what can happen when a subject responds too wholeheartedly to the film-maker's promptings: Roy Plomley's game willingness to be used as a prop in a succession of meteorologically fraught tableaux carried a whimsical impulse out of the window. *Ligmalion* (1984) was an adequate idea which had too near an acquaintance with a bicycle pump in the planning stages.

For the record, last night's plums included the cadaverous William Burroughs showing off his prodigious armoury while declaring his abhorrence of violence; stately, plump George Melly endeavouring to recreate the values of Dada with the assistance of an elephant; Arthur Scargill as an ad hoc art critic: Buñuel's recipe for a perfect dry Martini, with reference to the hymen of the Virgin Mary; a former employee of Islington public libraries reading from the doctored blurbs of Orton and Halliwell.

"I and my colleagues," he recalled in 1981, with a fair stab at wistfulness, "almost looked forward to reading them." It is fair to opine that neither *Omnibus* nor the *South Bank Show* would have grasped the point of doing it this way.

**Martin Cropper**

# Fine balance of misery

DONALD COOPER



Caught in the coal war: magnificent performance by Robin Soans as mine owner Hennebeau, here facing the miners' delegation in *Germinal*

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### Germinal
The Place

Any fear that William Gaminara's adaptation would press Zola's novel into the service of the NUM, as a simple clash between heroically defiant workers and big-bellied bosses, is dispelled by the first sight of Simon Vicenzi's set: a black back wall and a gigantic black table, with the whole company trying to keep their footing in a howling gale.

This is a world of coal, the common territory of miners, mine officials, shareholders, and families alike; at once their prison and their means of existence, which they then proceed to destroy.

Pip Broughton's production (a joint venture by the Paines Plough Company, Derby Playhouse, and Plymouth Theatre Royal) excels in epic spectacle. The table is raised, with the colliers crouched underneath, battering chisels into the coalface, while Etienne (Zola's autodidact Socialist hero) is dragged to work above their heads. When the strike delegation arrive they stride on to the table to confer with Hennebeau, the mine director, while his seated fellow guests carry on eating – as though the meeting were taking place in a coal seam. The deployment of space and simultaneous action, always directing the eye to the critical detail, is masterly throughout.

My one objection is that these turbulent communal images, arouse expectation of a movement show, and when they melt away you descend with a bump to the sight of actors simply exchanging lines. This applies particularly in the early scenes, where Gaminara and his director are slow in establishing the key identities.

Once the personalities of Robert Patterson's agitational Etienne, Stewart Porter's brutal strike-breaking Chaval, and their managerial opposite numbers have taken shape, the piece develops with the precision of an infernal machine. The nascent unions are matched against nascent protective cartels. The two opposing groups, thrashing around with increasing frenzy on their industrial treadmill, are calmly observed, with the motionless figure of Souvarine (Stafford Gordon), the Russian anarchist who finally destroys the prison and its inmates.

Above all, the production balances out the workers' misery with that of Hennebeau in Robin Soans's magnificent performance, first seen as a satanic link to the unseen controlling forces, and as an envious voyeur of working-class sexual freedom, and gradually disclosing a personal misery which inflicts as much damage on his own class as the strike itself.

**Irving Wardle**

### Rustaveli/Drums in the Night
Haymarket, Leicester

The celebrated and splendid Rustaveli Theatre Company from Georgia, USSR, visit London some time next year. Venue and dates are undecided, but in the meantime these four performances arranged by the thrice-blessed Thelma Holt give a reminder, all too brief, of the *Richard III* that the ensemble brought to Edinburgh and the Round House eight years ago, and a taster of the *King Lear* they will be showing in 1989.

Ramaz Tchkhikvadze is one of the world's supreme actors. His heavy, white-haired head stirs memories of the late Andrew Cruickshank, but a Cruickshank invaded by boiling, demonic energy. His Richard strides the stage like a Napoleonic colossus, mesmerizing a victim with the overwhelming command of his charm, or jabbing the sharp points of his crown into an underling's face.

The quality of the company's new *Lear* is not so easily gauged from the two excerpts shown: the storm (more great thunder cracks) gives us a Lear (Tchkhikvadze) already mad; the meeting with Cordelia at Dover requires the gearing of the previous acts. The signs are none the less full of hope. Performances are tense with the details of pain and mania, and at the climax of Lear's fit he kills the Fool. Appreciation of this innovative action, shockingly unexpected, must await the full performance next year.

Space prevents me from giving more than the barest mention to Brecht's *Drums in the Night*, also at the Studio Theatre, an early play in which a girl and a returned prisoner of war prefer the pleasures of bed to the honour of taking part in Berlin's Spartacus Revolution. Seven actors cannot suggest a civil war but the tighter scenes – though there are only a couple of these – are grippingly acted, especially by Frank Stirling's revolutionary and Veronica Smart and Susannah Doyle as two emaciated whores.

**Jeremy Kingston**

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### Too much ado

A solution has been found to the annual row that sets the Royal Shakespeare Company against the burgers of Stratford-upon-Avon on the very day that the Bard's birth is celebrated. For the past few years the RSC has refused to join in the town's celebrations because of the presence of a South African on a list of invited diplomats. Last year an actor publicly disavowed the South African guest attending that night's performance of *Much Ado*. Now the celebrations committee is proposing that in future no diplomats will be invited; instead of national flags, a set of 37 flags representing Shakespeare's plays will be paraded through the town. The peace plan is now being put to the other major sponsors of the event, the Conservative-controlled local council.

### It's a wrap

Richard Luce, the Arts Minister, who has quite a thing about the value of videos, has just got the Office of Arts and Libraries to produce a £15 video called *Marketing the Arts: Foundation for Success*. It is, says Luce, "designed to encourage arts organizations to make their marketing more professional". How unfortunate, then, that thanks to a mistake at the copying plant, when some of the organizations played their cassettes there flickered on to the screen neither dancer nor painter, but the Cumbrian coastline.

● So farewell then to as fine a pair of musicals as the West End is likely to see. After four years and five months David Merrick's *42nd Street* ends at Drury Lane on January 7. A month later the Shaftesbury Theatre is closing Stephen Sondheim's *Follies* after an 18-month run. The theatre says it proved impossible to recast the parts and maintain the standard.

### Young lions

The Young Vic is about to announce another of its impossibly good casts that must make the Old Vic across the road green with envy. Director David Thacker has persuaded Helen Mirren to leave her Los Angeles home for a six-week production of a pair of Arthur Miller playlets, *Two Way Mirror*. Her co-star in the two-handers will be Bob Peck. The 1982 double bill was slated by critics at its premiere in New Haven Connecticut, but we can assume that Mirren, Peck and Thacker will not be taking the plunge lightly.

### Venetian blind

Janey Buchan, Glasgow's Labour MEP, tells me she has proven to her own satisfaction a story going around about a summit visit by Mrs Thatcher to Venice, during which she was given a tour of some of the city's outstanding buildings. In one, glowing with Tintorettos, Titians and Guardis, she revealed what was really on her mind by asking her host: "Excuse me, how do you keep your floors so shiny?"

**Andrew Billen**

# In celebration of dreams

### Stockhausen
Huddersfield

Huddersfield's four-day celebration of Stockhausen, which ended on Wednesday with the ceremonial *Sternklang* effectively given in a sports hall, will be remembered with such other milestones of English Stockhausenism as the 1971 English Bach Festival concerts at St John's, or the 1986 "Music and Machines" festival at the Barbican. However, this was a particularly acute restrospective, in presenting works from throughout the four decades of the composer's career, from the 1951 *Kreuzspiel* to excerpts from his opera *Montag*, which had its first staging only last May.

The juxtaposition of the great Stockhausen classics – *Kontrapunkte*, *Gesang der Jünglinge*, *Kontakte* – with new pieces was almost an invitation to brush up one's prejudices about the works of the last 13 years representing a sad decline into melodic doodling, synthetic spirituality and wishful thinking, after a quarter-century of constant challenge and colossal achievement: and indeed, it was a shock to go straight from *Kontakte*, strongly played by Bernhard Wambach and Andreas Boettger, to the mime-play for a joking, lozenge-costumed clarinetist, *Harlekin*, which was written only 15 years later.

Of course *Harlekin* is a virtuoso showpiece, and was played as such with spectacular daring and concentration by Ian Stuart, but it also has a deadly quality that never belonged to the earlier Stockhausen: charm. If one is not going to take his mythology of

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science-fantasy celestial beings at face value (and who could?), then one has to abstract oneself from the music's ostensible subject-matter; and if one is not going to write the whole thing off as simply ludicrous, then the only available avenue of response is to find it charming, rather as well-protected European colonists might have found charming the religious practices of "inferior" civilizations. In inventing his own cosmogony and putting it on the stage, Stockhausen has become the world's child.

There are signs in *Montag* that Stockhausen has become conscious of his new role, that there is a certain playfulness in his scenic disposition of instrumentalists.

*Ave*, the erotic encounter of the basset-hornist Eve and a toy-soldier flautist, was one of the more delightful moments of *Montag* in the Milan production, and its cheerful mixture of the ponderous, the witty, the silly and the cheap-night-clubbish sexy was happily brought off here by the composer's two companions, Suzanne Stephens and Kathinka Pasveer, wearing the eau-de-nil and crimson costumes from La Scala.

There were astonishing solos, too, in this programme of the most recent music, from Markus Stockhausen (a tight, brilliant *Oberlippentanz* on piccolo trumpet) and from Stephens (a wandering, seductive *Traum-Formel* on basset horn), before all three joined in a performance of the *Tierkreis* cycle of Zodiac melodies done as a kind of domestic musical evening on another planet. The whole thing produced a wondering amusement and pleasure.

But to accuse this new Stockhausen of a descent into naivety is to ignore how exceedingly naive are the widely acknowledged great works. *Kontakte*, for instance, exists by suspending all previous music, including the composer's own: it offers itself with an awesome immediacy, requiring no knowledge or experience to decipher it. Even the early piano pieces come to the instrument as if to something new and undiscovered, testing out its potentialities: Wambach gave a mighty demonstration of that in his over-amplified performances of Pieces V, VII and VIII (XI was better for allowing one closer to the natural sound). And *Zyklus*, as Boettger showed in a masterly performance from memory, is music remade from afresh in percussion sonorities.

The earlier Stockhausen, just as much as the later composer, was a dreamer. And if the old dreams of a new music for the electronic age have run out, it is foolish and unnecessary to blame the man who was only the vessel for them. We are all the losers: Huddersfield has reminded us, in its visions of the adventurous past and the wacky present, just how serious the loss is.

**Paul Griffiths**

### The Royal Concert
Barbican Hall/Radio 3

Besides raising funds for worthy musical charities, the annual Royal Concert is always an entertaining showcase for some of the more exotic elements woven into the nation's musical fabric. Where else, for instance, would the Queen Mother's arrival be greeted by the wail of a kilted bag-piper playing "I Love a Lassie", in defiance of the fact that not all the necessary notes exist on his instrument?

And what other occasion provides a better excuse to enjoy the noisier *oeuvres* of Walton (*Portsmouth Point* Overture) and Elgar (edited highlights of his National Anthem) played by those spirited exponents of English music, the Scottish National Orchestra?

Bryden Thomson, the SNO's relatively new music director, already seems to have instilled his own ebullient approach to the Late Romantic repertoire. Richard Strauss's *Don Juan* was lusciously done, and the variations finale of Tchaikovsky's Suite No. 3 was even better, though the latter is a patchy concoction.

The SNO's main weakness is an occasional lack of tonal finesse in the winds, most noticeable in Mozart's Concerto for Two Pianos, K365. Here, however, the grace, fluidity and fantasy exhibited by the delightful Labèque sisters stole the show.

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# THE WEEK AHEAD

## THEATRE

**ARTIST DESCENDING A STAIRCASE:** Tim Luscombe directs a transferred King's Head production of a Tom Stoppard play. With William Lucas, Peter Copley, Karl James, John Warnaby, Gareth Tudor Price and Sarah Woodward.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-836 5122). Previews from Wed. Opens Dec 7.

**DREAMING OF BABYLON:** Kerry Shale in a Richard Brautigan private eye parody.
Gate Theatre Club, Above Prince Albert pub., 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (01-229 0706). Opens Tues.

**AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE:** The Arthur Miller version of an Ibsen classic, in a Young Vic production, transferring from a sold-out run there. David Thacker directs Tom Wilkinson, David Henry, Clive Swift, Tom Mannion, Margot Lester, Suzan Sylvester.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (01-839 4401). Opens Wed.

**THE ILLUSION:** Actors Touring Company complete a national tour of the British professional premiere production of Corneille's 1636 comedy, directed by Mark Brickman.
Lyric Studio, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Previews Tues, Wed, Thurs. Opens Fri.

**PHILOCTETES:** Cheek by Jowl add Sophocles's tale of a disfigured man quarantined on a desert island, to Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. To run in repertory.
Donmar Warehouse, Shelton Street, WC2 (01-240 8230). Previews from Tues. Opens Fri.

**SHONA:** 1983 Verity Bargate Award winning play by Tony Craze, starring Sonja Kristina, Anthony Allen and Alan Forrest, directed by Clare Davidson.
Pentameters, Three Horseshoes pub., Heath Street, NW3 (01-435 6757). Opens Wed.

**THEATRESPORTS:** Improvisation game, played by professionals with amateur participation.
Arts Theatre, Great Newport Street, WC2 (01-836 2132). Sun, pm.

## OUT OF TOWN

**CARDIFF: Gododdin:** Seventh-century Welsh epic text, staged by Brith Gof with music by Test Dept, in an abandoned car factory fitted out with 50 trees and 600 tons of sand.
Rover Factory, Rover Way (0222 399666). Thurs-Dec 3.

## GALLERIES

**MICHAEL ROTHENSTEIN RA:** A show of 30 recent watercolours celebrating this celebrated printmaker's 80th birthday.
Angela Flowers Gallery, London W1 (01-637 3089). From Wed.

**RORY McEWAN (1932-1982):** Highly detailed botanical paintings.
Serpentine Gallery, London W2 (01-402 6075). From today.

**KAL:** Caricatures of world statesmen drawn originally for *The Economist*.
Chris Beetles Ltd, London SW1 (01-839 7551). From Wed.

**SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS:** An historical exhibition about Christmas trees, their origins and decorations.
Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, London E2 (01-938 8349). From Thurs.

**THE PRESENCE OF PAINTING:** Aspects of abstraction in British art since 1958.
Mappin Art Gallery, Sheffield (0742-726281). From today.

**DANISH GRAPHIC ART:** An anthology of 20th-century prints many of which are typically Scandinavian in their free use of bold colour.
MacRoberts Art Centre, Stirling (0786 73171). From Fri.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

**TOWARD A BIGGER PICTURE II:** Follows part one which earlier this year was a great success. Brian Griffin, one of Britain's most talented young photographers, is the star here with a room devoted to his astonishing night pictures of London's Broadgate development.
Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London, SW7 (01-938 8365). From Wed.

**KODAK WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR 1988:** Consistently high standard of wildlife photographs produced by almost 7,000 photographers, both amateur and professional.
Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (01-938 8779).

## FILMS

**LES PARENTS TERRIBLES (15):** New print of Jean Cocteau's 1948 film based on his hothouse play about incestuous family relationships: with Jean Marais, Gabrielle Dorziat. Plus *Les Enfants Terribles* (1949), from Cocteau's novel.
Everyman (01-435 1525), from Sun.

**VERONICO CRUZ (15):** Controversial Anglo-Argentine film, previously titled *The Debt*, about a young boy growing up in the era of Galtieri and the Falklands war. Directed by Miguel Pereiera.
Camden Plaza (01-485 2443), Gate Notting Hill (01-221 0220), from Fri.

**CALL ME (18):** Gritty if implausible New York thriller, with Patricia Charbonneau as a journalist who receives (and enjoys) obscene phone calls. Directed by Sollace Mitchell.
Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3561).

**THE BEDROOM WINDOW (15):** Fair suspense thriller, with Steve Guttenberg as a goody-goody executive whose affair with the boss's wife sucks him into a murder case. Directed by Curtis Hanson.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527), from Fri.



Cartoon capers: Bob Hoskins (above) stars in a new film with cartoon characters led by hapless Roger Rabbit

# Of rabbits and men

**In Hollywood's good old days, cartoons lasted seven noisy minutes and leaped out of the studios four times a month. *Who Framed Roger Rabbit* (PG) apes the cartoons' manic energy, but not their sledgehammer brevity. The film lasts 104 minutes and took most of the 1980s to come to fruition. The source material is Gary Wolf's 1982 book about a cartoon character who hires a human flatfoot to clear his name in a murder case. A first script was soon prepared, but it took until 1986 for the technically complicated project to reach the floor (much of it at Elstree), under the joint aegis of Walt Disney and Steven Spielberg. Bob Hoskins was cast as the dishevelled gumshoe Eddie Valiant, acting most of his scenes with empty spaces and props held by assistants crouching under the floor. Ace animation director Richard Williams supplied the missing ingredient: the frantic array of "toon" characters headed by Roger Rabbit — a goofy loon with floppy ears, bow tie, huge feet and orange pants. Roger might not achieve Bugs Bunny's popularity in the long term, but his film has already earned more than £150 million at the US box office and secured a niche in history. From Friday at the Odeon, Leicester Square (01-930 6111).** *Geoff Brown*

**BLUE JEAN COP (18):** Stunt-filled thriller, with Peter Weller and Sam Elliott as a New York lawyer and cop following a trail of police corruption. Directed by James Glickenhaus.
Prince Charles (01-437 8181), from Fri.

## JAZZ

**STAN TRACEY BIG BAND:** Material including the Genesis suite, with Marian Montgomery on the same bill.
Ronnie Scott's Club, London W1 (01-439 0747) Mon to Sat.

**COOL OUT WITH CUT:** The Docklands Festival winds up with the Jason Rebello Trio and Philip Bent Group tonight, and the Pharaoh Sanders Quartet tomorrow.
Half Moon Theatre, London E1 (01-790 4000) To Sun.

**MARTIN TAYLOR:** A quartet appearance by Stephane Grappelli's guitarist.
The Stables, Wavendon, Milton Keynes (0908 583928) Fri.

## ROCK

**THE JEFF HEALEY BAND:** British début for the 22-year-old Canadian blues guitarist phenomenon. Arrive early!
Mon, Borderline, London WC2 (01-437 8595).

**BON JOVI:** Tuneful soft metal from New Jersey's other global rock'n'roll export.
Fri, SECC, Glasgow (041-248 3000).

## TELEVISION

**BOOKMARK:** Presents a profile of the writer Charles Wood, author of *Tumbledown* and other searching dramas of heroism and war.
BBC2, Wed, 8.10-9pm.

**ARENA:** Clint Eastwood discusses his work as a film director, including his latest picture, *Bird*, about the jazz player Charlie Parker.
BBC2, Fri, 9.30-10.30pm.

## FILMS ON TV

**TOKYO STORY (1953):** A moving and perceptive study of family relationships by the master Japanese director Yasujiro Ozu.
Channel 4, Thurs, 11.35pm-2.10am.

**THE FUGITIVE (1947):** Highly stylized version of Graham Greene's *The Power and the Glory*, directed by John Ford and with Henry Fonda as the whisky priest.
BBC1, Fri, 1.50-3.30pm.

## RADIO

**SMILING THROUGH:** The songs of the Second World War performed by Cosmotheka. This week's selection includes "Run Rabbit Run" and "Siegfried Line".
Radio 2, Fri, 10.30-11pm.

**PLAGUE AND PANIC:** Professor Lewis Wolpert compares Victorian hysteria about a syphilis epidemic with recent reactions to the Aids disease.
Radio 4, Wed, 8.15-8.45pm.

## DANCE

**LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE:** Paul Taylor's *Arden Court* remains the big attraction of their London season and is given every night. Next week the supporting bill includes the premiere of *Good Morning Monsieur* by another guest choreographer, Daniel Larrieu.
Sadler's Wells (01-278 8916). Tonight and Tues-Dec 3.

**ROYAL BALLET:** Guest stars Elisabeth Maurin and Laurent Hilaire from Nureyev's Paris ballet dance *The Sleeping Beauty*, Thurs. The mixed bill including *A Month in the Country* and Bintley's new *The Spirit of Fugue* repeats Wed.
Covent Garden (01-240 1066).

**LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET:** *Swan Lake* is at Bristol Hippodrome today (0272 299444), and Theatre Royal Plymouth (0752 669595) next week to Dec 3. Selected soloists are also touring programmes including *Apollo* and Swansong to the Arts Theatre, Cambridge (0223 352000) Tonight, The Towngate, Basildon (0268 532632) Mon to Wed, Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds (0284 69505) Fri and Dec 3.

## OPERA

**ROYAL OPERA HOUSE:** Just two performances this week of the newly reinvigorated *Manon*, tonight and Tues at 7pm. Leontina Vaduva has been highly praised as a young Ileana Cotrubas in her house début in the title role.
Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

**ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA:** Last chance to see the striking *Simon Boccanegra* tonight; a revival of Jonathan Miller's fast moving, 1920s-style *Mikado* raises the curtain of the festive season with performances on Tues, Thurs and Sat Dec 3rd; and Philip Glass's dreary *Planet 8* continues on Wed and Fri. All performances start at 7.30pm.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161)

**SCOTTISH OPERA:** Reach Bradford with Simon Gallow's new production of *Die Fledermaus* (Tues, Wed, Thurs and Sat Dec 3) and with a revival of Johnathan Miller's Magic *Flute* (Wed and Fri). All performances start at 7.15pm.
Alhambra, Bradford (0274 752000)

**WELSH NATIONAL OPERA:** Reach Manchester on tour with Peter Stein's *Falstaff* (Tues and Fri); with Göran Järvefelt's *Traviata* (Thurs) and *Madama Butterfly* (Wed and Sat Dec 3). All performances start at 7.15pm
Palace Theatre, Manchester (061 236 9922).

## CONCERTS

**FRANZ AND FELIX:** James Judd and the RPO keep "Schubert and Mendelssohn: the Classical Romantics" going with the former's Symphony No 9, the latter's *Hebrides* Overture and Violin Concerto (Viktoria Mullova, soloist).
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891). Today, 7.45pm.

**POSTNIKOVA PERFORMANCE:** In a rare London recital the Russian pianist Viktoria Postnikova plays Chopin's Preludes Op 28 and two major Rachmaninov works, the Variations on a Theme by Chopin Op 22 and the 10 Preludes Op 23.
Barbican Centre, Tomorrow, 3pm.

**SWAN SONGS:** Olaf Bär, baritone, sings Schubert's *Schwanengesang* D 957 to the accompaniment of Geoffrey Parsons.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141). Wed, returns only.

**COMIC SCHOENBERG:** "The Reluctant Revolutionary" series reaches Schoenberg's almost-never-heard comic opera, *Von Heute auf Morgen*. Edward Downes conducts massed vocal and instrumental forces.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800).



**STOCKHAUSEN AT 60:** Karlheinz Stockhausen (above) introduces two concerts of his music to celebrate his 60th birthday. Tomorrow, works include *Telemusik* for tape and the re-ordered version of *Mixtur*. On Mon, there are two British premieres: *Luzifers Traum* and *Kathinkas Gesang als Luzifers Requiem*.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank (01-928 8800), tomorrow and Mon, 7.45pm.

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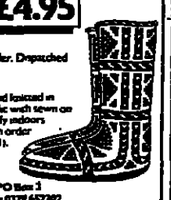
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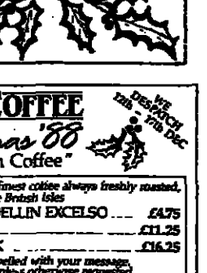
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# Solo sounds in a rich, dark vein

JAZZ

**Keith Jarrett** Dark Intervals (ECM 1379)
**McCoy Tyner** Double Trios (Denon 3CY-1128)

TOSHINARI KOINUMA



**Lone explorer: after the rambling fantasies of the Seventies, his recent trio work has given Keith Jarrett the strength to develop something of permanent value**

It is a few years now since, in a fit of extreme frustration, I traded in an entire collection of Keith Jarrett's ECM recordings — a decade's worth of intense creative effort, from the comparatively modest *Facing You* of 1971, through the grotesquely egotistical 10-disc set of the *Sun Bear Concerts* in mid-decade, to the assault on the citadel of modern classical music with *The Celestial Hawk* in 1980. After 10 years of trying to sort out a critical response, I let him get the better of me, and gave up.

Then, two or three years ago, I found myself paying attention again — mostly because he had organized, with the bassist Gary Peacock and the drummer Jack DeJohnette, a trio devoted to the interpretation of standard tunes. Interested to see what he made of the conventional repertoire after such a prolonged immersion in the solipsistic world of stream-of-consciousness improvisation masquerading as spontaneous composition, I was surprised to find him playing straightforward jazz of great beauty and maturity. *Still Live*, an in-concert double-album released earlier this year, is a remarkable tribute to what seems to me (although he would no doubt disagree) to be a rediscovery of his powers.

Now comes the return of Jarrett the soloist, with the release of **Dark Intervals**, an unaccompanied recital recorded in Tokyo last year. And here, too, is a revelation. Just as the years of solo work seemed to have sharpened his appetite in preparation for the give and take of the standard piano trio, so the trio work of recent years may have renewed his appetite for the lone exploration of inner space.

Far from evoking the rambling fantasies of the middle Seventies, in which he produced album after album that sounded like nothing more than the jazz equivalent of *Tubular Bells*, *Dark Intervals* offers 58 minutes of music that retains his trademark air of tranquil lucidity while delving beneath that surface to discover something of real substance.

Hardly ever, here, is there a sense of prettiness for its own sake. Instead we find something as genuinely rich as the seven-minute piece called "Americana", which uses very little of his renowned keyboard technique in its exposition and elaboration of a simple, lullaby-like theme, yet mysteriously manages to evoke the full implication of its title.

That same charmed simplicity is evident throughout pieces with titles like "Hymn", "Recitative" and "Ritual Prayer". Jarrett seems to have moved right away from the old winsome tune-spinning, in which his sheer facility substituted for real eloquence, developing in its place an inner strength that manifests itself in his new, darkly glowing touch, which is a world and a half away from the insistent tinkling effects of his Seventies work. Only very rarely, too, are there outbursts of the toneless "singing" which once regularly marred his recordings. On the long "Recitative", in fact, the occasional vocal irruption actually heightens the atmosphere created by the dogged progress of plodding middle-register chords.

Those who have never faltered in their admiration for him will no doubt allege that Jarrett has been right all along, and that only this critic has been missing the point. Listening dispassionately now, though, to some of the music for which he was praised in the Seventies, it seems even more obvious that much of it will not outlive him. The calm, unrhetorical themes and variations of *Dark Intervals* may not please all those to whom piano jazz means Art Tatum and Oscar Peterson (and there is not much doubt that his inspiration at this stage stems more from Gurdjieff than, shall we say, Garner), but in them he may have begun to discover something of permanent value.

McCoy Tyner, on the other hand, made an indelible contribution to jazz piano while still in his early twenties. Tyner's work with the great John Coltrane Quartet of the early Sixties shaped first one generation of pianists, and then another; his mark can be heard today as the predominant influence in the playing of such fashionable and promising young British keyboardists as Jason Rebello and Julian Joseph.

Like his season at Ronnie Scott's not too long ago, **Double Trios** provides evidence that, regrettably, Tyner has nothing new to offer those already familiar with the finest of his historic recordings with Coltrane. Even with someone as widely copied, the listener is still usually made aware of the extra intellectual resources that made the original so outstanding; sadly, Tyner often sounds indistinguishable from his own copyists — the Kafkaesque fate which helped drive Lester Young to a premature death.

Divided into two halves, the hour-long CD presents Tyner first with an acoustic group (the familiar team of bassist Avery Sharpe and drummer Louis Hayes, plus percussionist Steve Thornton) playing a couple of originals and Neal Hefti's "Li'l Darlin'" and the Ellington-Strayhorn "Satin Doll"; and then with an electrified group (bass guitarist Marcus Miller, drummer Jeff Watts and percussionist Thornton again) on a similar set-up: "Lover Man", Monk's "Rhythm-a-ning" and two originals.

Frankly, the level of inspiration rises not far above that shown in the clichéd choice of repertoire. Tyner churns out the see-sawing left-hand chords and spins the right-hand runs through endless aerobatic stunts, but never seems to get anywhere. The experience of hearing the brilliant producer/composer Marcus Miller (favoured collaborator of both Miles Davis and Luther Vandross) playing straightforward jazz turns out to be strictly academic, although young Watts drums with a smooth aggression that even the veteran Hayes cannot match.

Perhaps Tyner simply recorded too much in his early days, and exhausted his inspiration (Jarrett was similarly prolific, but seems to have avoided the worst consequences). All anyone needs to do to reaffirm the fact that he once was a vital force is to pick up a copy of Coltrane's *Africa/Brass* or *A Love Supreme*, classic texts which put the workaday competence of *Double Trios* sadly in its place.

**Richard Williams**

CLASSICAL

**Mendelssohn: Incidental Music to a Midsummer Night's Dream** Bamberg Symphony Orchestra/Flor (RCA CD RD87764)
**Schubert: Lieder** Marjana Lipovsek/Parsons (Orfeo CD C 159871 A)

Klaus Peter Flor, the young East German conductor, brought the Berlin Symphony Orchestra to the Barbican last month. On this RCA album he conducts the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in an ear-cleansing performance of Mendelssohn's incidental music to A Midsummer Night's Dream.

The sound is distinctive: slim, piping woodwind, redolent of the flavour of the Leipzig Gewandhaus, and a lithe down-beat which makes the overture bounce along.

The woodwind aerate the Scherzo as they bubble their way through it, and make a quirky little interlude of the Funeral March. Flor draws a dignified Nocturne, before a real reveille of a Wedding March. He chooses his soloists shrewdly: Lucia Popp is a seductive Titania, while Marjana Lipovsek repels the spiders and beetles with spirit and dark authority.

We hear too little of her warmly-spiced mezzo-soprano. But this is remedied by a new release, from Orfeo, of a selection of Schubert Lieder. Goethe's Mignon and Gretchen, and Sir Walter Scott's Ellen frame the songs of Suleika and the Young Nun.

Lipovsek is imaginative enough to convey at once the ardent intensity and childlike vulnerability of the burdened Mignon, and artful enough, in "Gretchen am Spinnrade", to build slowly a powerful sense of the depersonalization of a soul in torment.

**Hilary Finch**

# Pop-up chart toppers

ROCK

**Rick Astley:** Hold Me In Your Arms (RCA PL 71932)
**Pink Floyd:** Delicate Sound Of Thunder (EMI EQ 5009)
**Aswad:** Renaissance (Stylus Music SMR 866)
**Steel Pulse:** State Of Emergency (MCA 42192)

The writing and production team of Stock Aitken Waterman is now certifiably the most successful hit-making operation of the decade. Their artists' records have crowded the charts with all the substance and appeal of froth racing uncontrollably to the top of a hurriedly poured glass of lager. Of the many simpering teen and pre-teen idols to have been attached to the SAW stable — Sinitta, Sabrina, Jason Donovan, Bananarama, Kylie Minogue et al — the most durable voice belongs to Rick Astley.

Unfortunately, time and again on his second album, *Hold Me In Your Arms*, his rich, plummy neo-soul singing is let down by the unsympathetic electro-pop arrangements of the songs.

"She Wants to Dance With Me", "Take Me To Your Heart" and "I Don't Want to Lose Her" boast keen melodies but are subject to virtually interchangeable backing tracks, all of them hobbled to flabby synthesized bass, sickly bright keyboards and weedy drum machine sounds that clatter along in that inane four-to-the-bar disco/house beat.

Better are the ballads, "I'll Never Let You Down" and "Hold Me In Your Arms", and best of all is a creditable stab at the Temptations' standard "Ain't Too Proud to Beg". I see a glamorous future in Las Vegas for this lad, followed by a fashionable rediscovery sometime around the turn of the century.

Pink Floyd's *Delicate Sound Of Thunder* is a live double-album memento of the spectacular *Momentary Lapse Of Reason* tour. The recording reveals the group's painstaking attention to musical detail and highlights the fluent guitar playing of David Gilmour, in particular on the introduction to "Shine on You Crazy Diamond" and the grand, sweeping finale of "Sorrow".

The collection does not represent startling value for money, coming as it does not long after the release of *A Momentary Lapse of Reason*, which is the source of no fewer than five of the songs featured here. However, sides three and four provide a solid cross-section of old Floyd favourites, including "Time", "Money", "Another Brick in the Wall Part II" and "Wish You Were Here", and conveys the flavour and grandeur of the creative and commercial Indian summer which the group is currently enjoying.

Aswad's *Renaissance* is a comprehensive 20-song retrospective of the career of the reggae band which served one of the longest apprenticeships to pop celebrity yet recorded. Although the sleeve notes (written by the group and Vivien Goldman) lay constant stress on the notion that the band has not diluted either its style or its message in order to win popular appeal, the music tells a different story.

The recent hits "Don't Turn Around" and "Give a Little stretches from their first record, "Back to Africa", through to the forthcoming single, a polished remix of "Smokey Blues".

The lyrical tone of Steel Pulse's *State Of Emergency* is set by the album's title track which opens with the couplet "From Brixton to Cape Town/Unrest all around". But like Aswad, who are their contemporaries on the British reggae scene, Steel Pulse nowadays tend to temper their political messages with a predominantly jaunty step in the music, and have developed their own sideline in sophisticated lovers' rock reggae.

There are certainly songs here ("Steal a Kiss", "Reaching Out") that might capitalize handsomely on the post-Aswad chart climate if the group's American-based record company had more enthusiasm for promoting them in this country.

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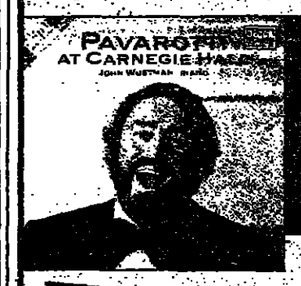
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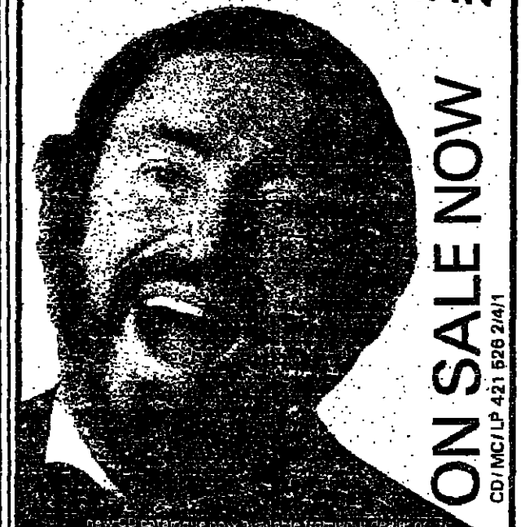

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"So it's just another fake?"

*"I wouldn't call it that. It's a traditional type that may not have been made with intent to deceive — a Victorian copy about 100 years old that now ranks, I suppose, as an antique in its own right. As such, it would probably bring £200 at auction — perhaps more if someone mistakes it for an 18th-century original, and that's not at all unlikely. It's reasonably well-modelled, and the little jug on Toby's knee is held in his left hand."*

"What's so marvellous about that?"

*"Some collectors believe that if it's in the right hand it must be wrong. So to them, yours looks quite convincing."*

"But it's really a dud. Another Indian bites the dust. Geronimo!"

*"Oh, well put! Most erudite of you."*

"Is it? Why?"

*"You mean you didn't know that the original Toby is said to have been modelled by another member of the Wood family of Burslem — Aaron — who based the figure on engravings of Toby Philpot, or Fillpot with an F, a character in a song called 'The Little Brown Jug', published in 1761?"*

"It must have escaped my notice."

*"And you weren't aware that the author was Francis Fawkes, vicar of Orpington in Kent? Fawkes adapted the lyric from a Latin composition by one Geronimo Amalteo."*

"Was he an Indian too?"

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**Jenny Gilbert**

## EATING OUT

# Ethnic mouthful

### Jonathan Meades samples homely foreign foods

FRANCIS MOSLEY




I doubt that anyone *wittingly* espouses a mild racism when he or she refers to fashions, or food, or music, as "ethnic". But it is a thoughtless adjective, a lazy lumping together of disparate parts.

I do not know if Spanish cooking counts as ethnic. But the point about it, as represented in London, is that it is immutable, impervious to evolution — there are certain tenets and they are to be stuck to. What counts is not invention or cleverness or imagination, but a high standard of repetitive execution: the artist's ideal is always to do something new, the craftsman's is always to do the same. This is a craft kitchen, the sort of kitchen whose chef is unlikely to get his own television show. Indeed the quality that the chef should display is that of self-effacement.

The problem is that the rise of the chef — the social, rather than gastronomic, phenomenon which has turned these beasts in blood-stained whites into "personalities" — has convinced many craftsmen that they are artists. They keep wanting to try new things when, really, things should be left as they are.

What is attractive about Los Remos is that no one in the kitchen seems to have ever entertained a fancy idea. This is notable — tapas bars are reckoned to be *le dernier cri* at the moment and because of this all sorts of ersatz muck is being peddled in them (and if it isn't muck it is "improvements" or variations). It is a shame; tapas, those modest, unadorned preprandial snacks, only work if they *are* modest and unadorned (and fresh).

The tables at Los Remos are austere, so indeed is the entire place — this basement is not minimalist, it is simply bereft of any form of decoration save for the lathe-turned spindles on the bar. Upstairs, on the ground floor, is a restaurant with a hearteningly predictable menu. Outside are the streets of Paddington, this wedge of which, between Praed Street and Sussex Gardens, seems forever stuck in the era of black and white movies like *The Comedy Man*. Down here it doesn't look like Spain but it certainly sounds like it. The evening I went, the clientelé comprised four English and about 25 Spanish.

The only disappointing dish was a tortilla of unusual blandness. Otherwise there are acceptable meat balls with a fiery sauce of tomato, pepper and pimento; pig's kidneys that make one wonder why other restaurants don't use this fine offal; baby squids in a sauce made from shells; octopus with pimento and olive oil; deep-fried squid in light and non-greasy batter. Afterwards you can have old Manchego cheese or caramel cream. With a bottle of red Marques de Caceres, lots of fizzy water and an espresso strong enough to knock one's heart into overdrive, the bill was £38.

Nontas is another establishment where the cooking is, so to speak, more important than the chef. The menu has hardly changed since it opened in the mid-Seventies and the standard has been maintained — it remains one of the two really worthwhile Greek Cypriot places in Camden Town (the other is Yerakina). What the menu omits now is a delicious brawn which was apparently dropped due to lack of demand; this dish was indicative of the approach — the repertoire was not, and is not, confined to the clichés of the Cypriot kitchen. But when it does the clichés it does them very well. There is, for instance, a most delicious lentil soup based on good stock and pepped up with lemon.

The dish for which I return time and again is simply called Nontas Special and comprises a selection of meats — loukanika sausage, a sort of smoked ham, sheftalia of a delicacy that recalls a good crépinette, pork stewed in red wine and aromatics — served with the grain called pourgouri, which is akin to cracked wheat and tabouleh. With a bottle of Perrier and a wonderful rose water ice charmingly topped with crystallized rose petals, the bill for one was £7.80. Two people drinking wine would probably spend about £25; the meze at Nontas is a world away from the usual nightmare medley of tired bits and pieces.

Just around the corner is what looks like a run of the mill Cypriot place called Tiny Tim. It turns out to be French of the non-evolved sort; it is not restaurant cooking that it serves, not even bistro cooking, but, rather, home cooking, cooking that is so far down-home it's positively hearthside. As ever the questions are begged: whose home? Whose hearth? Well, someone called Marc according to the establishment's subtitle of Chez Marc.

When Marc sticks to craft cooking he is all right; when he gets arty the results are less happy — leaden trout quenelles with a tomato sauce, for instance, or a crêpe with banana and rather nasty ice cream. These are not, I reckon, the sorts of dish one habitually confects at home; they belong to restaurant cooking. A partridge casseroled with cabbage is, however, a home dish and the version here would be exceptional were it to include decent sausage rather than the English butcher's variety. There is also a pleasant dish of lamb flavoured with tarragon and a flan of goat cheese which is really a mildly flavoured egg custard, not bad at all. With a bottle of Gigondas two will pay about £39.

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# RESTAURANT GUIDE

This is a changing selection of restaurants visited in recent months — managements and standards may have changed. Stars — up to a maximum of 10 — are for cooking rather than swags and chandeliers. Dishes described are included to give an indication of the cooking but may well have changed. Prices quoted are for a three-course meal with drinks for two, and are determined according to the "When in Rome" principle: in the case of French places, aperitifs and a bottle of modest wine; tea in the case of oriental ones; beer or lassi in the case of Indian ones and so on. **JM.**

### PEKING/SZECHUAN

**Golden Duck**
*6 Hollywood Road, London SW10 (01-352 3500/4498)*
★★★★★
The first of the smart Peking/Szechuan restaurants that are now suburban norms, and still among the best. Crisp lamb breast, hot cheung-du chicken, Szechuan duck, paper-wrapped chicken are all commendable. Urbane punters, urbane décor, and serious wine list. £45.

**Kym's**
*70 Wilton Road, London SW1 (01-828 8931)*
★★★
Flashily designed but the fish dishes are of some interest: eel with garlic and ginger, jelly fish with sesame oil. £30.

**Dragon Gate**
*7 Gerrard Street, London W1 (01-734 5154)*
★
Interloper in the Cantonese domain of south Soho. Tea smoked duck will appeal to those who like sniffing creosote. Nice cold spicy tripe, nice shrimps with garlic and chilli. Nasty service. £28.

### OUT OF TOWN

**Gidleigh Park**
Chagford, Devon (06473 2367/8/9)
★★★★★★★★
Sean Hill's cooking at this beautifully sited mock-Tudor hotel on the edge of Dartmoor breaks the "country house" hotel mould of witless sybaritism and flashy prodigality. His cooking is not rustic but has tendencies that way. His dishes taste of something, and he is not timid about keeping things simple: such as brains with brown butter, grilled scallops with lentils and coriander. And when he does get more complicated, the results are breathtaking: sweetbreads with an intense morel sauce, steak with potent grain mustard sauce. Sweets and cheeses are good too and the pricey wines are outstanding, notably in the Californian section. £70.

**Oakes**
*169 Slad Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire (04536 79950)*
★★★★★★
The dining room is like a drab tea room but the cooking is rather special: mullet on potato galette, veal with a first rate marsala sauce, potent leek soup. The set lunch is a bargain. At dinner two will pay £55.

**Le Poussin**
*57 Brookley Road, Brockenhurst, Hants (0590 23063)*
★★★★★
Confident, sometimes over-clever cooking by Alex Aitken in the unpromising surroundings of a suburban shopping parade in the middle of the New Forest. Sole in spinach with orange butter sauce, simmered beef with a claret reduction, fine sweets. The service is a bit stiff. There are good wines at modest prices. £80.

**Alexander House**
*Sen Place, Turner's Hill, West Sussex (0342 714914)*
★★★★★
Rather magnificently appointed "country house" hotel with good paintings and fine gewgaws. Some of the cooking is commonplace luxury, some of it is inventive and in an idiom rarely found in such establishments: omelette with girolles, delicious venison with fruits. Indifferent wines, no smoking. £120.

**Brann's**
*9 Great Minster Street, Winchester, Hants (0962 64004)*
★★★★★★
Classy cooking by Nicholas Ruthven-Stuart in workaday premises overlooking the cathedral. Brilliant lobster soup and fish quenelles, well-sauced fowls, gutsy game dishes and sumptuous sweets. Reasonable wine list is too reliant on France. £60.

### BARNES AND PUTNEY

**Sonny's**
*94 Church Road, London SW13 (01-748 0393)*
★★★★
Congenial and rather austerely decorated modern bistro whose cooking seems to have won it an audience that comes not just from the immediate locale. The menu is eclectic: fish soup based on conger; merguez with tabouleh; veal with oyster mushrooms; wild duck with a fine celeriac purée; walnut tart. Well chosen wines. Good-natured service. £50.

**Le Petit Normand**
*185 Merton Road, London SW18 (01-877 0996)*
★★★★
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**Le Rustique**
*283 Putney Bridge Road, London SW15 (01-788 0223)*
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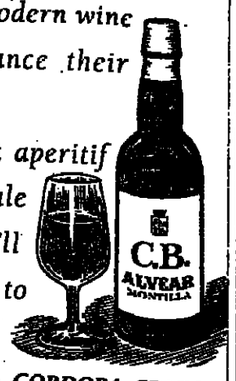
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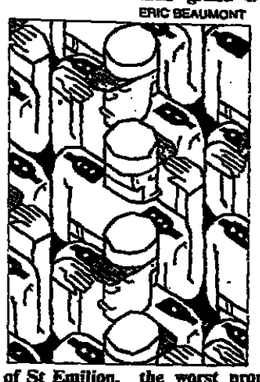
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## DRINK

# Classified reds

It was about 30 years ago at Château Monbousquet in St Emilion that I had my first lesson in wine and decided to become a wine writer. The enthusiastic and inspiring Querre family who own Monbousquet have that effect on people. John Arlott also received much of his early wine education from Daniel Querre at Monbousquet and writes fondly about the experience in *Arlott on Wine* (Fontana £3.95).

Sadly, subsequent numerous Bordeaux visits have mostly been to those formal grand Médoc châteaux on the left bank of the Gironde rather than the friendly, informal, smaller right bank St Emilion properties. All that was put right, however, with a recent three-day visit to St Emilion.


ERIC BEAUMONT

No one could accuse the wines of St Emilion of lacking cachet; today even the excellent local co-operative's humblest offerings cost upwards of £4.50 a bottle, while the Médoc equivalent is at least £1 cheaper. What does seem odd about the small, deceptively compact commune of St Emilion, which lies 50 miles east of the town of Bordeaux, is that it produces a very large quantity of wine. On average the 5,200 hectares of St Emilion vineyard produce an impressive 230,000 hectalitres of wine every year — almost as much as the Côte d'Or and often more than the six Médoc left bank communes put together.

The distinctive Merlot dominated, plummy, velvety and approachable taste of St Emilion's wine, which often has a touch of honey, tobacco, chocolate and tar in the mix, makes it much more appealing to drink, especially when young, than the more austere Cabernet Sauvignon-based wines of the Médoc.

The Merlot grape usually accounts for around 55 to 60 per cent of a St Emilion blend; about 30 to 35 per cent is taken up by the Cabernet Franc, or Bouchet grape as the locals call it, leaving the Cabernet Sauvignon with 5 to 15 per cent of the total.

The curious 1954 St Emilion classification, revised as recently as 1985, is not a popular subject in the region, in either its early or amended form. Unlike the 1855 Médoc classification (where the terminology first, second and third *gross* makes it quite clear what's what), the St Emilion version is now topped by 11 *premiers crus classés*, divided confusingly into A (Ausone and Cheval Blanc belong to this) and B categories, followed by 63 *grands crus classés* plus another 200 *grands crus châteaux* who have to submit their wine annually in order to gain and print their grand *cru* status on their labels; few, it seems, are rejected. The most humble category of all is straight St Emilion.

With the words grand cru on so many labels, the St Emilion pecking order is obscure to say the least. What has miffed many St Emilionnais is that the one elevation and the few *demotions* of the 1985 revision has still left many of the worst properties with a superior appellation they do not deserve and some of the finest with a lower grade.

There are so many different varieties of soil in St Emilion that it is hard to determine what characteristics are derived from which soil, especially when leading châteaux such as Cheval Blanc boast as many as three different soil types in their vineyards. The medieval town of St Emilion sits on a limestone plateau, but there is also clay on the surrounding foothills and sandy, gravelled slopes to the north that abut on to Pomerol.

On my last evening at Monbousquet I tasted the rich, tobacco-like 1983 Monbousquet (Yorkshire fine wine, Nunmonckton, York, £7.25; Chester Ford Vintners, The Old Greyhound, Great Chester Ford, Essex, £7.96).

**Jane MacQuitty**

### WINE BUYS

● **1986 Sainsbury's Cannonau del Parteolla:** Cheap and very cheerful Italian red made from the Cannonau grape by the Dolianova Co-operative in Sardinia. Spritzy-plummy-pickled cherry taste. Sainsbury, £2.25.

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## THE TIMES COOK

DIANA LEADBETTER



# Pudding and pickles

**Frances Bissell suggests wild ways to brighten up a meal — with a hint of sugar and spices**

For a long time after it had been published last year, I received letters from readers asking for a copy of my Christmas pudding recipe (the original had been used to line the budgie's cage, clean the windows and light the fire). Here it is again. But I can now report that the pudding travels well and keeps for four to six weeks. I took one to California, which we steamed and served with a sabayon sauce made from a Californian muscat wine. Leftovers from a large pudding were packed into small, buttered moulds, and steamed for 30 minutes to make individual puddings no bigger than 1½in/4cm high and 2½in/6.5cm across the base. These were very successful, not nearly as daunting as the traditional pudding, and rather more appetising at the end of a fairly long, rich meal. In fact, this year, I shall use the mixture to make small puddings.

Although the pudding is already relatively low in sugar, the marmalade and macaroons make it unsuitable for diabetics. Replace the marmalade with two tablespoons of concentrated orange juice and the macaroons with two tablespoons of rolled oats to reduce the sugar content even more. It will still be quite sweet enough and even higher in fibre.

While I was thinking about advance preparations for Christmas, I recalled the jars of marvellous preserves I had recently seen in France: *rillettes* (a smooth pork paste), *confit de canard* (duck preserved in its own fat) and various pâtés. Here is a richly flavoured game terrine that will keep for four or five weeks in a cool place when covered over with layers of fat which seal the surface and prevent contact with the air. You can, of course, make the mixture in a terrine or loaf tin for more immediate use, in which case you may wish to include garlic or onions. I prefer to leave them out of dishes that I plan to keep for a while. The following recipe makes enough to fill a one-litre preserving jar. Use pheasant, rabbit, wild duck, hare or pigeon, off the bone.

**Game terrine in a jar**

¾lb/340g boneless game
½lb/230g lean pork or veal
1lb/455g belly pork, rind removed and reserved
12 crushed juniper berries
1 tsp ground allspice
½ tsp ground cumin
1 tsp freshly ground black pepper
1 tsp sea salt
¼pt/140ml red or white wine
4 tbsp gin, grappa or *eau de vie de poire*
½lb/230g pork back fat, cut into thin slices or sheets
1 size 3 egg
½oz/10g potato or corn flour

Chop the game into small dice (about ¼in/½cm), removing any sinews. Mince the lean meat with the belly pork, mix it with the game, spices, wine and spirit and leave overnight, covered, in the refrigerator. Next day line a large preserving jar with very thin slices of pork fat. If you cannot get this, thin rindless rashers of unsmoked streaky bacon can be used. The saltpetre in the bacon will give a pink tinge to the pâté and will also change its flavour. Beat the egg and flour until thoroughly blended, and strain it over the marinated meat. Mix thoroughly and pack into the lined jar. Push it well down, excluding any air bubbles, and heap up the top as the mixture will shrink down as it cooks. Cover with foil, and stand on a trivet or upturned saucer in a saucepan deep enough to allow boiling water to be poured in to come at least half way up the jar. Bring to the boil, and simmer very gently for two hours. Remove from the heat, allow to cool completely, and cover the surface with melted lard or pork fat. When that has hardened, seal the jar, label with a full list of ingredients and put away in a cool place.

This is a rough, coarse pâté to be scooped out and served as a marvellous lunch dish with some salad and homemade pickle and bread. Or try it with spiced pears, the recipe for which can be adapted to plums, quinces or small apples.

**Spiced pickled pears**

1pt/580ml red wine vinegar
1½lb/680g sugar
2in/5cm cinnamon stick
12 allspice berries
12 cloves
½ tsp blade mace
2 bay leaves
2¼lb/900g Conference pears or another firm variety
1 miniature bottle brandy
¼pt/140ml fortified muscat wine, port, marsala or oloroso sherry

Put all the ingredients except the pears in a saucepan. Heat gently until the sugar has melted, and then bring to the boil. Meanwhile, quarter, peel and core the pears, and place them in a large bowl. Pour the liquid over them. Cover and leave overnight. Strain the liquid back into a saucepan, and boil it for 10 to 12 minutes to reduce the volume, since the pears will have given off some liquid. Pour it over the fruit, and allow to stand for half a day. Boil fruit and syrup together for half a minute. With a slotted spoon, remove the pears and pack into hot preserving jars. Reboil the syrup, pour it over the pears and seal the jars immediately. Allow to cool, label and store. Keep for at least three weeks before using.

Now here is the Christmas pudding. Although it is a fatless, high fibre and low sugar recipe, it is moist and melting with rich, exciting flavours.

**Christmas pudding**
*(Serves 10-12)*

8oz/230g fresh wholemeal breadcrumbs
8oz/230g roughly chopped moscatel raisins
8oz/230g roughly chopped sultanas
8oz/230g roughly chopped dried apricots
2oz/60g crumbled almond macaroons or Italian amaretti
2oz/60g chopped almonds
1oz/30g ground or flaked almonds
1 peeled and grated apple
1 tbsp grated orange zest
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1 tsp ground mace
½ tsp ground cardamom
½ tsp ground cloves
½ tsp ground allspice
2 tbsp orange marmalade or candied orange peel
juice of 1 small orange
4 size 3 eggs

Put all the dry ingredients in a large bowl and mix thoroughly, either with a large wooden spoon or your hands. Put the marmalade, orange juice, eggs, brandy and wine in another large bowl or in a blender or food processor, and beat until well blended and frothy. Pour the liquid over the dry ingredients. Mix again until the mixture is moist. Cover and let it stand for a couple of hours, at least, and, if possible, overnight to let the spice flavours develop. Oil or butter the pudding basin or basins (the mixture fills a 3pt/1.75l basin), and spoon in the mixture.

As the pudding contains no raw flour, it is not going to expand very much during cooking, and you can fill the mixture to within ½in/1.25cm of the rim. Take a large square of greaseproof paper, oil or butter it, and tie it over the top of the basin with a string.

Place the basin in a saucepan, standing it on a long triple strip of foil to help you lift the hot basin out of the saucepan once it is cooked. Pour in boiling water to reach half-way up the pudding basin, cover the saucepan, and bring it back to the boil. Lower the heat, keep water at a steady simmer, and steam the pudding for five hours. Make sure the water is kept topped up. When the pudding is cooked allow it to go completely cold before wrapping it in fresh greaseproof paper and foil. When you want to serve it, steam for a further two hours.

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| Thursday 1 Dec QEH | MESSIAEN AT 80 6.00pm Nash Ensemble, Messiaen Le merle noir for flute & piano; Mistral New work, Ravel Piano Trio 7.45pm Yvonne Loriod (piano) Messiaen Le tourbillon des jardins; Preludes (expressed in Debussy (Bird) period) Vingt regards sur l'enfant Jesus: Noel, Le baiser de l'enfant Jesus: Regard de l'esprit de joie 10.00pm Nash Ensemble, Messiaen Quatuor pour la fin du temps £9.50, £7.50, £5.50, £4.50, £3 Single ticket admits to all three parts of concert South Bank Centre | |
| Friday 2 Dec 7.45 pm QEH | BBC PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, BBC Singers, Edward Downes (cond) Phyllis Bryn-Julson, Ellene Hannan, Rudolf Kostes, Edith Kahler, Anthony Roden, Alfred Marks (narrator) Schoenberg Kol Nidre Op 39 Six songs Op 8 Von Heute auf Morgen Op 32 £10, £7.50, £5.50, £5.00, £4.50 BBC South Bank Centre | |

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| Saturday 26 Nov 8.00 pm RFH | KENNETH VAN BARTHOLD (fortepiano) Clementi Sonata in B flat Op 24 2, Dussek Sonata in F sharp min Op 61, Beethoven Sonata in C min Op 13 (Pathetique), Haydn Variations in F min, Eberl Sonata in G min Op 27, Beethoven Sonata in C sharp min Op 27 2 (Moonlight) £6 Concessions £1 off each price Performing Arts | |
| Sunday 27 Nov 3.15 pm RFH | PIED PIPER MUSICAL STORIES Stories for 5-9 year olds. Stories told by Audrey Woods and set to music by Terry Tennent. Programme includes songs, musical solos and opportunities for audience participation £2.50 Terence Tigger | |
| Sunday 27 Nov / 8 pm RFH | THE PLAEGIAN PIANO QUARTET Mendelssohn Quartet in C min, Op 1, Turina Quartet in A min, Op 67, Brahms Quartet in A Op 26 £5, £3.50, £2.50 Maureen Lurn Concert Management | |
| Monday 28 Nov 8 pm PR | VIRGINIA BLACK, HOWARD DAVIS Music for Harpsichord and Baroque Violin Mozart Duo Sonatas in G K 379, in A K 305 in F K 377 Harpsichord Sonatas by Seixas and Soler. £6 £5 £3 United Concerts | |
| Tuesday 29 Nov 8.45 pm RFH | BRITTEN STRING QUARTET Hungarian Quartet in C Op 30 No 1 £3.50 (£2 for ticket holders to any of the concerts in the Alban Berg Quartet's Beethoven Cycle on the Queen Elizabeth Hall) SBC | |
| Thursday 1 Dec 8 pm PR | TERRA NOVA Neil Thomson (cond) Paul Patterson At the Sea Point of the Turning World, Edwin Roxburgh Rec-ative after Blake Winning piece from Terra Nova Composers' Competition, Stephen Montague From the White Edge of Pompeii, Oliver Knussen Coupling £5.50 £4 £2.50 Helen M Sykes P R & Personal Management | |
| Wednesday 30 Nov 7.30 pm | ALKAN CENTENARY FESTIVAL Alkan Smalley "Benedictus Op 54, Alkan Smalley "Impromptu Op 69 Alkan "Two Hebrew Songs "Funeral March for a Dead Parrot Sonata de Concert Op 47 "London prems. Wks for bones cello oboes and bassoon Kenilah Opera Group, Mark Fitz-Gerald (cond) £5 The Alkan Society | |
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Sunday 27 Nov 11.30 am — DORIUS. Sunday Morning Coffee Concert. Mendelssohn: Piano Quartet in B minor Op 3, Dvorak: Piano Quartet in D Op 23. £4 including programme & coffee sherry or juice.

Sunday 27 Nov NB:starting time: 4pm — THE ENGLISH CONCERT. Early Music in Baroque Series. Trevor Pinnock, Lisa Beznosiuk, Simon Standage, Micaela Comberti, Trevor Jones, Anthony Pleeth. Handel: Sonata for strings & continuo Op 5 No 4, C.P.E. Bach: Flute Sonata & Duo, J.S. Bach: Trio Sonata from The Musical Offering, Bach/Goldberg: Aria, Trio Sonata in D BWV1037, Vivaldi: Flute Concerto Op 10 No 3 "Il Gardellino". £8, £7, £6, £5 HoM PEC Concerts.

Monday 28 Nov 7.30 pm — MELISANDE TRIO flute, viola, harp Reinecke: 5 movements from Pieces de Clavecin en Concert; Bax: Elegiac Trio, Debussy: Sonata for flute viola, harp; Devienne: Duo for flute and viola, Britten: Lachrymae, Ravel: Sonatine en trio. £5.50, £5.50, £4.50, £3.50 Elizabeth Thorneycroft-Smith.

Tuesday 29 Nov 7.30 pm — ADRIAN THOMPSON tenor ROGER VIGNOLES piano. Schubert — Mendelssohn. Schubert: Auf dem Wasser zu singen, Heidenroslein, Schafers Klagelied, Der Jüngling an der Quelle, Die Forelle, Schubert: Die schone Mullerin D795 £8 £5, £4 £3 HoM

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# Uncommon markets

## Throughout Germany and Austria town squares have started ringing to the sound of Christmas bells and market tills. **Hilary Finch** joined the throng

I know plenty of Germans who flee their native land during that feverish pre-Lenten release of hedonism, consumption and authorized folly which is *Karneval*: but not one who, if he or she can possibly help it, misses the heady crescendo of Advent celebration enshrined in the institution of the Christmas Market. When a survey asked the German nation "What in life is most sacred to you?", Christmas in the family rated higher than living in a free society.

Nowhere more so than in Nuremberg. Here, in the city of Dürer, the Master singers, and prolific toy-making, the *Christkindlmarkt* found both its genesis and its apotheosis. The figure of the Christ child itself, a ruddy cheeked, blond androgyne of a creature, whose face still leers on the labels of every bottle of supermarket *Glühwein*, was born in the 17th-century nativity plays in which presents would be handed out to the children. They got used to the idea, and set off such a high consumer demand for Dutch dolls that by the middle of the century the market square was alive with them.

Now every street, from the station to the Hauptmarkt, is decorated with white poles, garlanded with fir and leading to a multi-canopied cornucopia of Stollen, Lebkuchen, marzipan, mulled wine, and Nuremberg's own specialities: the little, dry-faced mannikins called *Zwetschgenmanner*, made from crêpe paper and the autumn's dark, blue-bloomed plums. Nuremberg offers food for thought as well as for the stomach: every Saturday at the Lorenzkirche, a programme of "image, music and text" provides a spiritual supplement.

The *Christkind*, Nuremberg's own seasonal answer to a May Queen, is newly elected every two years and warbles a little speech from the Gothic balcony above the entrance to the Frauenkirche. Trombones reply, a procession of children with lanterns sets off for the castle on the hill, and the tills are open.

Cologne may not boast a Christ Child of its own, but the city is one up on most of the other Christmas venues: the bones of the Three Kings themselves lie in a gold leaf reliquary behind the High Altar of the Dom. The shrine was the entire *raison d'être* for building the great cathedral. But now pilgrims make the city centre and Mammon their first destination. For there, flanked by the great emporia of Kaufhof and Hertie, is one of the largest and certainly the most vulgar Christmas markets of all. It bustles and gurgles as noisily as the Cologne accent: it is as voracious and as good humoured. Its puppets, moon-faced and staring, belong to the *Tales of Hoffmann*: the aroma of its confectionery catches the throat and stifles the breath.

Upstream in Bonn, the market remembers its place. The big wheel narrowly misses clipping the spire of the Munster, the carousel all but hurls itself at the elegant pink and white facade of the Post Office; but this is the Federal capital, this is Beethoven's birthplace. Pencil in hand, he towers and glowers down on the somewhat muted festivity below him.

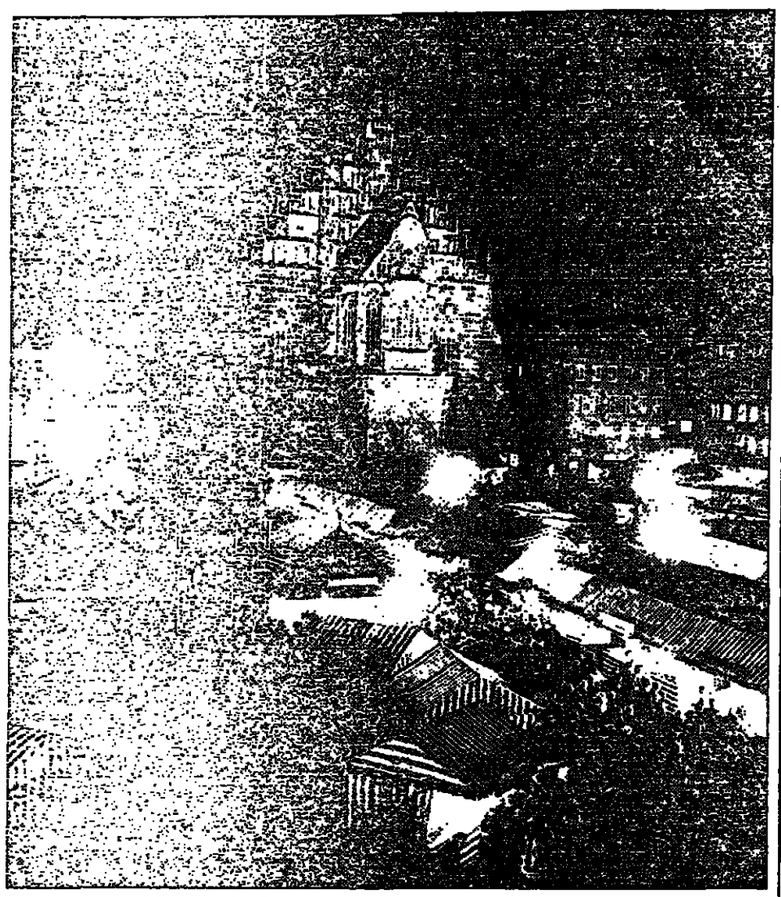
In the Munsterplatz, there are stalls greener than the greenest Tannenbaum: here wrapping paper is recycled, bath oil is bio-dynamic, candles are scraped clean out of the hive. Philosophy and protest, present every weekend of the year in this square, are reluctant to leave it for Christmas. But there is still coconutice enough to rot the teeth and blind the eye; plastic candles in at least six lurid shades of every colour in the spectrum, and a few out of it, take their place with glittering mineral stones and hot Reiberkuchen patties.

Further North, the Hanseatic towns of Hamburg, Bremen and Lubeck celebrate in their own salty, northern way: Essen, Frankfurt, Heidelberg, Stuttgart and Trier are all well worth a look. Berlin does it longest (stalls stay open until the end of the year) and Bavaria, perhaps, does it best. Munich's *Christkindlmarkt*, in the Marienplatz, vies with the spikily decorative magnificence of the Rathaus which forms its backdrop, and is, after Nuremberg, the most visited. Rothenburg ob der Tauber offers itself as Germany's most convincing stage set: a medieval town of such compactness that it is tempting to go round opening its tiny windows, one by one, for each day in Advent. The blurred euphony of the ubiquitous "Silent Night" in the throat of every loud-speaker is here replaced by a trumpet quartet, and the voice of a night watchman calling the hours.

In Vienna, the buying and selling is already well under way. The big market in front of the city hall opened on November 12. But at the Spittelberg, the handicrafts are still under wraps: the rag dolls, rocking horses, porcelain masks, pottery, batik and hand-blown glass which set this market refreshingly apart wait until next weekend to reveal themselves.

In Salzburg Mozart is given temporary respite in the *Christbaummarkt* which dominates the Dome-und-Residenz Platz. The music quotient is high, the wax figures of the Christkind still more *gemütlich*, the marzipan richer, the Lebkuchen sweeter than ever. In front of the "Goldenes Dach!" at Innsbruk, the emphasis is on wood and wool: ponies, clowns and magicians provide regular entertainment.

Linz and Krems, Bergheim and Rauris offer more intimate markets; but that at Feldkirch is perhaps the most exclusive of all. In the Vorarlberg, always a law unto itself, markets are thin on the ground, so Feldkirch's *Blos-Engel-Markt*, lasting just two precious days, is treasured as much as the trumpet-blowing baroque cherubs which give it its dialect name. They reign only on December 2 and 3: catch them before the last Lebkuchen and the last trump.



Dancing in the aisles: crowds of shoppers jostle each other at Nuremberg's *Christkindlmarkt*

### TRAVEL NOTES

**Christmas markets in Germany and Austria generally open this weekend, and close late on Christmas Eve. Further information from the German National Tourist Office, Nightingale House, 65 Curzon Street, London W1Y 7PE (01-495 3990/91) and Austria National Tourist Office, 30 St George Street, London W1R 0AL (01-629 0461).**

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*Travel Editor*

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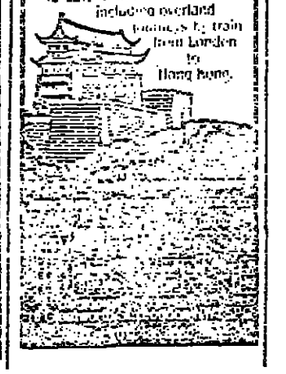
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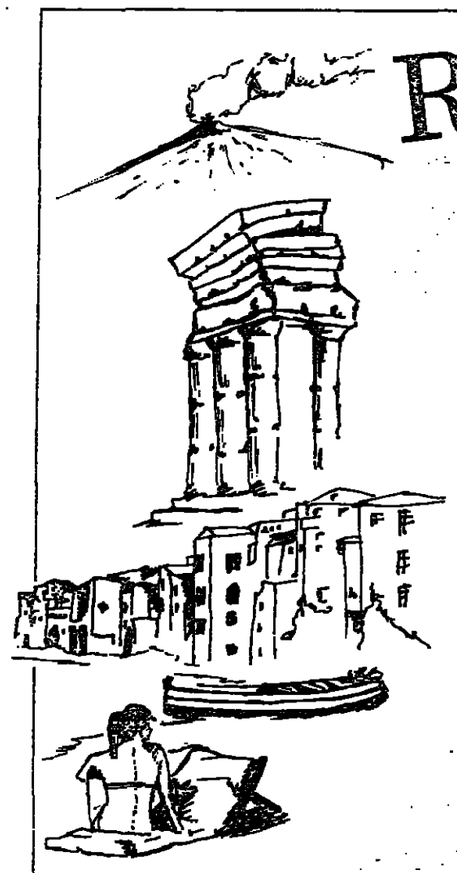
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## TRAVEL

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**Peter Brown was grateful for Morzine's diversions while he waited for the snow**



**Snow matters: Morzine may not have the thickest cover, bit it makes a good base**

Imagine yourself in a 200-year-old farmhouse, in good company, sunk deep into what appears to be a 200-year-old sofa. There are beams taken from ships, and an oak cot, and a log fire, and one of those holes which used to be bread ovens and which nowadays they leave in to show how thick the wall is. The only jarring notes are the bar, and some distant pop music from the kitchen, where your supper is being prepared; but you can put up with these anachronisms.

The farmhouse is in an Haut Savoie alpine town which descends steeply on both sides of the infant river Dranse. The narrow steps winding down to the bridge and church from the farmhouse are perilous, even in moon boots, and especially by moonlight. In one half of the house, your skiing party is relaxing; in the the other half lives the owner, who can tell you a thousand stories of the valley.

Then imagine that no snow has fallen for a fortnight.

Would you sacrifice the comfort for one decent night-time blizzard? You would. But since the weather in general has ventured off-piste, it makes sense, we told ourselves over another drink, to be in a real town such as Morzine with old walls and a sense of history — somewhere with a few distractions.

Torvill and Dean certainly thought so: they honed their "Bolero" on the Morzine rink. The Princess Royal, we are told, thinks so: the local night club still echoes with her party's high jinks. What exactly was it that they took down from the wall and used as a hat? Monsieur cannot remember; they were all very *sympa*. He hopes to see them next year.

It is all very *sympa* in Morzine, where 120 shops separate the sleek from the gross. The sleek go for those impossibly slender and expensive ski-suits; the rest go for the patisseries. There is a surprising number of butchers, all selling *noix de jambon*, a sweet, lean and succulent cut of smoked ham. And because it was Epiphany when we were there, the bakers' windows were full of pastry crowns, *pour les rois*.

To be fair, it would have been easy enough, from Morzine, to find snow. You simply had to take a 10-minute bus ride, followed by a *télépherique*, to the purpose-built resort of Avoriaz, 800 metres higher (this year a new cable car links the two resorts). But on the first few days, that seemed like disloyalty.

Down in the church, the *curé* — fresh in from Annecy — showed us round. Christmas, somewhat decadently, had continued into mid-January. The nativity tableau was still in the choir, each Christmas tree autographed by a child. It was no surprise to find the name Baud among them.

Morzine's cemetery is full of Bauds. The war memorial tells us that 14 of them gave themselves for their country (there is time to count these things when there is no snow). In the town, indeed, there are 250 Baud families, according to Madame Baud, the owner of the farmhouse. Her huge family has been in the town for eight centuries, having arrived full of hope from Brittany, to build the Cistercian Abbey of St Jean d'Aulps a little further down the valley.

She can prove it with a book of family history, and she can tell you tales about the border with Switzerland, which sometimes seems like an invisible third party in every conversation. A century ago Morzine men were building towns in Switzerland; but they developed their own language, *le mourmé*, to keep their secrets from the Germans and Italians. Then there was the smuggling. Did you know they used to make the pigs drunk to keep them quiet as they took them across the border by night?

They must have been skiers, those smugglers. One of their main routes, presumably, was the "wall" at Avoriaz, a notorious minefield of moguls which is treacherous enough in daylight. These days it serves as one of the many gates of the Portes du Soleil, which for most skiers will be Morzine's main attraction. It now offers 180 lifts and over 400 miles of piste, most of it linked.

In Morzine, snow covered the grass at last and justified our patience. In the immediate vicinity, at Le Pleney, Nyon and Les Gets, there is skiing and scenery good enough to interest an average intermediate for most of a week; and the main lift is virtually in the town centre. The town also has the advantage of a short (one and a half hour) journey from Geneva.

Of course the place has changed, said Madame Baud. More, perhaps, than she knew; not everyone appreciated the historical integrity of her house, and in the other half of it the Wipe-Out of the Week award was being presented to the gentleman who had suffered the most embarrassing tumble. Perhaps, when the craze for skiing eventually ebbs, and the last pair of British underpants have been displayed around a crowded French table, the Bauds will enjoy having the place to themselves again.

**TRAVEL NOTES**

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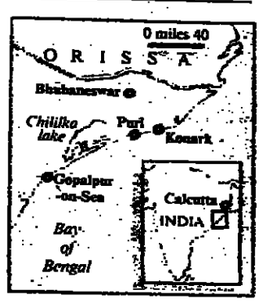
TRAVEL

# Sojourn with a sun god

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The roads are wide, the earth is red, rich and fertile. Grass, shrubs and trees grow higgledy-piggledy and the ubiquitous cows meander where they will. Temples, which include the famous ridged beehive of the Lingaraj, pepper the landscape.

Bhubaneswar is a good base for exploratory trips. To the south lies Chilika lake, a salt-water inlet which is a haven for bird watchers during the winter months.

On my visit, out of season, there were not many exotic species, although I saw egrets, herons, blue jays, kites and a fish eagle going about their business. But there was fresh crab for lunch at the rest house, and the road leads on to Gopalpur-on-Sea.

"There is an English gentleman who comes to stay for one month every year," Mr Ganguli, under-manager of the Oberoi Palm Beach Hotel, said. "He calls us his wife."

The hotel, in its private green garden of saw-toothed grass and lines of clicking palms, lies on the Bay of Bengal. Wide verandas keep the rooms cool, fans whirr lazily and the geckos dart across walls and ceilings in pursuit of insect life. Meals were served as Nanny would have liked – three courses, at the proper times.

The charm of the hotel is its quietness. The town is, as the "on Sea" suggests, something like Frinton. The day's excitement is watching the dusty crows come gliding in to the veranda to steal sugar lumps from the tea trays. The beaches are long, the sand is smooth and mushroom coloured and the waves are high and can be perilous for swimmers.

To the north, enjoying the same lovely beaches, are Puri and Konark. Puri, one of the holiest cities in India, is a centre of pilgrimage for Hindus. It is also the place which has the dubious distinction of providing us with the word juggernaut.

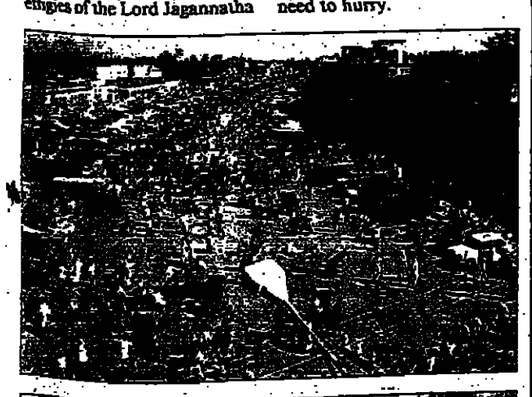
Every year at the start of the monsoon huge crowds gather at the Jagannatha temple. Vast chariots are built to carry effigies of the Lord Jagannatha and his cohorts from their usual seat to the garden temple at the other end of the Grand Trunk Road, where they will spend a week before being dragged back again.

On a Monday afternoon in October I climbed to the roof of the library opposite the Jagannatha temple. Non-Hindus are not allowed within the temple compound, but there is a mesmerizing view over the city, and grumpy-faced monkeys scamper about above the market stalls. Looking down the Grand Trunk Road it was easy to imagine how, with thousands dragging the 45ft edifices, the "juggernaut" has come to symbolize a death-dealing, lumbering machine.

Konark is chalk to Puri's cheese. The great temple, a towering, magnificent ruin, was built to resemble a chariot for Surya, the Sun God, in the 13th century. When it was "discovered" in the early 1900s, the sand dunes had washed up to the axles of the beautifully carved sandstone wheels. The main hall has collapsed, but it is possible to clamber up the sides of the antechamber, past hundreds of intricate, erotic carvings of musicians and dancing girls, concubines and contortionists, and look into the face of the god.

Three basalt statues, which catch the sun at dawn, midday and dusk, remain. His face is smooth and calm as he rides down to night on the back of a richly caparisoned horse, and even at midday he looks cool.

The only noises are the usual hum of insects, the click of cameras and the chink of chisel on stone: the Orissan government is restoring the façade, slowly. There is no need to hurry.



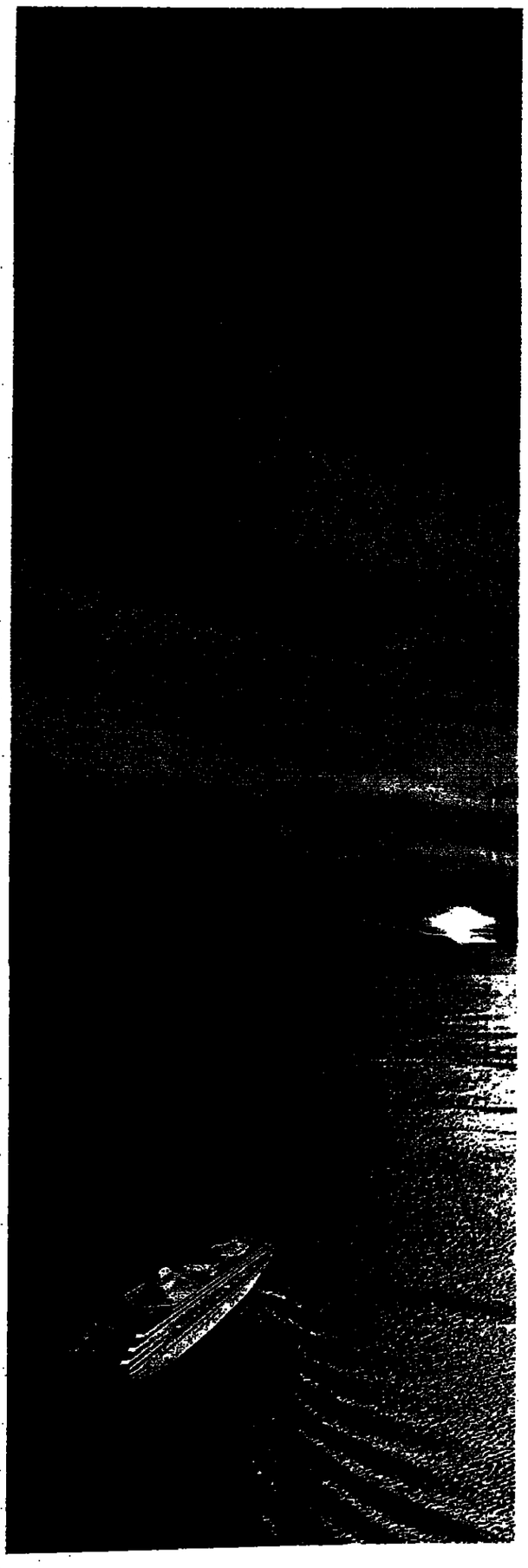


...e of juggernaut: Puri, where every year the Grand ... Road (top) is the scene of the Jagannatha ceremony

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# SATURDAY TELEVISION & RADIO SUNDAY

## BBC1

6.15 Saturday Starts Here with Bonanaman (r). 6.20 Corners (r). 6.40 ChuckleVision
9.00 Going Live! with Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield. The guests include a-ha, Bros and Caron Keating. 12.12 Weather
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.15 and 2.00 Rugby Union: a preview and live coverage of the game in Cardiff between the Barbarians and Australia; 12.25 Rallying: Lombard RAC Rally highlights; 12.40, 1.10 and 1.40 Racing from Newbury; 12.55 News; 1.00 and 4.00 Rugby League: a preview and second half coverage of a John Player Special Trophy game 1.25 Snooker: the Tennent's UK Professional championships 3.60 Football: half-times; 4.40 Final score
5.05 Tom and Jerry Double Bill
5.20 News with Moira Stuart. Weather 5.30 Regional news/sport
☆ 5.35 The Flying Doctors. Drama series about Australia's Royal Flying Doctor Service. This week Chris is concerned that Geoff's interest in a terminally ill woman is unethical. (Ceefax)
6.20 The Noel Edmonds Saturday Roadshow. The guests include Cliff Richard.
☆☆☆☆☆ 7.05 'Allo 'Allo! Having subsitituted the forged paintings René hides the originals on Mimi who is with Denise Laroque's gang. (Ceefax)
7.30 The Royal Variety Performance 1988 in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen and the Queen Mother at the London Palladium. Ronnie Corbett and Bruce Forsyth introduce a galaxy of stars including the cast from the comedies *The Golden Girls* and *Bread*; the soap *Neighbours*; pop stars Cliff Richard, A-ha, Rick Astley and Bananarama; comedians Russ Abbot, Mel Smith and Griff Rhys Jones; and Mickey Rooney, Ann Miller and Julio Iglesias (continues after the news).
9.00 News and sport. With Michael Buerk. Weather.
9.15 The Royal Variety Performance 1988 continued
10.45 International Snooker. The second session of the final of the Tennent's UK championship.
12.18am Film: Don't Be Afraid of the Dark (1973) starring Jim Hutton and Kim Darby. Chiller about a newly married couple who move into a house they have inherited that harbours something nasty in the cellar. Directed by John Newland. 1.30 Weather.
NB: programme times after the first part of the Royal Variety show are approximate.

## BBC2

9.00 Ceefax 12.00 Open University: Science — Preparatory Maths 12.15 Countdown to the OU (3) 12.40 Open Lecture by Lord Jenkins 1.08 Countryside Update 1.30 Mental Handicap
1.55 Network East presented by Shahnaz Pakravan and Sudha Kumari. This week's edition of the magazine series includes a profile of artist Sharon Lutchman
2.35 Easy to Get (b/w). Comedy short about three girls sharing an apartment
2.55 Film: The Tales of Hoffmann (1951) starring Robert Rounseville, Moira Shearer, Robert Helpmann and Leonide Massine. Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger's version of Offenbach's opera.
4.40 International Snooker. The first session of the best-of-31 frames final of the Tennent's UK Professional championship, introduced from the Guild Hall, Preston, by David Vine.
6.20 NewsView. Moira Stuart with today's news and sport; Lisa Davidson reviews the week's news in picture with subtitles. Weather
7.00 A Night at the Chinese Opera. A new opera, with words and music by Judith Weir, based on a celebrated Chinese play, *The Chao Family Orphan*, performed by Kent Opera at the Theatre Royal, Bath, with the Orchestra of Kent Opera conducted by Andrew Parrott. Simultaneous broadcast on stereo Radio 3
8.50 Top Gear Rally Report. William Woollard presents highlights of this week's Lombard RAC Rally
9.15 Christabel. Episode two of the four-part drama about an Englishwoman, married to a German, living in Germany during the Second World War (r). (Ceefax)
10.15 The Film Club. Tony Reyns introduces two films about family ties beginning with Next of Kin (1984) starring Patrick Tiernay and Arsinee Khanjian. A Canadian-made comedy about a young man in his 20s who decides to escape from his bickering family for a new life with another. Directed by Atom Egoyan
11.30 Film: Father and Son (1981) starring Shek Lui and Cheng Yu-Or. A wry drama about a Hong Kong boy who dreams of being a film director, an ambition that clashes with the wishes of his father who is prepared to make any sacrifice to see him succeed in any profession except the cinema. Directed by Allen Fong. English subtitles. Ends at 1.10am.

## ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with Saturday Sport presented by Geoff Clark; 7.30 Wideawake
9.25 Motormouth. Young people's entertainment
11.30 Knight Rider. A young computer buff tries to use KITT in a multi-million dollar art theft (r).
12.30 Physical Pursuits. The second semifinal of the inter-sports centre competition pits Epping against Sevenoaks.
1.00 News with Fiona Armstrong 1.05 LWT News and weather followed by Saint & Greavsie. Ian and Jimmy review the week's football news and look forward to the weekend's programme
1.35 Wrestling from the Civic Hall, Bedworth.
2.15 Ice Skating. The Skate Electric British Ice Dance championships from the NEC, Birmingham.
4.15 The Snow Spider. The first of a four-part adaptation of Jenny Nimmo's fantasy story starring Stan Phillips.
4.45 Results Service
5.00 News 5.05 LWT News and weather followed by Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness
5.35 New Faces of '88. Talent show introduced by Marti Caine. The non-voting judges are Chris Tarrant, Nina Myskow and Mickie Most
6.30 Blind Date. Cilla Black with another edition of the lonely hearts game. (Oracle)
7.20 Beadle's About. Jeremy Beadle plays tricks on a selection of unsuspecting members of the public
7.50 Film: Beyond the Poseidon Adventure (1979) starring Michael Caine, Sally Field and Telly Savalas. Drama about a capsized cruise liner and the nefarious attempts by two separate crews of mercy ships, ostensibly on the scene to help the ship and passengers, to plunder the vessel. Directed by Irwin Allen
9.55 News 10.10 LWT Weather.
10.15 Film: Deathtrap (1982) starring Michael Caine, Christopher Reeve and Dyan Cannon. A once successful playwright is reduced to stealing a work by one of his ex-students to regain his acclaim — but first the former student has to be made to disappear. Directed by Sidney Lumet. (Oracle)
12.25am Surfing — Hot Tuna '88. The UK Surfmasters held on Newquay's Fistral Beach
1.00 Night Network includes veteran blues singer Adelaide Hall.
4.00 The Hit Man and Her. Disco news and music from Mr Smith's, Warrington.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00.

## CHANNEL 4

9.30 How Does Your Garden Grow? (r). (Oracle) 10.00 Moneyapinner. (r).
10.30 Film: The Party (1968) starring Peter Sellers. Madcap comedy about an accident-prone Indian actor who is invited to a Hollywood party by mistake and manages to reduce it to comic chaos. Directed by Blake Edwards
12.20 Film: Flicker Memories (1941, b/w). A guide through the early days of the cinema. Directed by George Sidney 12.30 Empress Wu.
1.00 Patterns of Life. A documentary about the history of bees, narrated by John Shrapnel (r).
2.00 Film: The Immortal Sergeant (1943) starring Henry Fonda and Maureen O'Hara. Second World War drama about a Canadian serving with the British forces who recalls his pre-war days as a journalist and would-be novelist. Directed by John M. Stahl
3.45 The Girl From Missouri (1934, b/w) starring Jean Harlow and Lionel Barrymore. Comedy about a New York chorus girl with designs on a millionaire. Directed by Jack Conway
5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition (r). (Oracle)
6.00 Right To Reply. C4's *Dispatches*; *the Winds of Death* about poison gas killing of the Kurds, is attacked by Iraqi Embassy press counsellor N. Abdul Jabber Hassan
6.30 Glorious Colour. The fourth programme of Kaffe Fassett's six-part series on the use of colour in knitting and needlepoint (r). (Oracle)
7.00 News summary and weather
7.05 Hollywood. Part seven of the 13-programme series focuses on old westerns (r). (Oracle)
8.05 Game, Set & Match. Episode nine of the 13-part adaptation of Len Deighton's spy trilogy (r). (Oracle)
9.05 Allegro: Carmen — The Dream and the Destiny. A documentary about Georges Bizet and his celebrated work *Carmen*, featuring an examination of the narrative and what Bizet was to trying to achieve with it and the story of its disastrous premiere which led to the composer's death three months later.
10.50 Film: The Supergrass (1985). Comedy starring the *Comic Strip* team about an innocent young man who pretends to be drug smuggler in order to impress his girlfriend. Directed by Peter Richardson.
12.40am The Street. New York police series
1.05 Cecilia. Episode four of the six-part Cuban drama set in 19th-century Havana
2.05 Barney Miller. Comedy detective Ends at 2.35.

## BBC1

6.30 The Flashing Blade. Episode eight of the 11-part swashbuckler (r). 6.55 Playbus (r). 9.15 Umbrella. Children's religious series
9.30 Sunday Worship for Advent from St Etheldreda's Church, London
10.00 In the Know (r). (Ceefax) 10.10 Spelling It Out (r). (Ceefax) 10.20 Help Your Child With Maths presented by Johnny Ball 10.35 Russian Language and People. Part six (r). 11.00 Deutsch direkt! German for beginners (r).
11.25 Bazaar (r). 11.50 British Sign Language (r). (Ceefax) 12.05 See Hear! For the hearing impaired
12.30 Country File. Are country folk asked to endure too much in the national interest? 12.55 Weather
1.00 News and weather followed by On the Record. Includes a summary of the potential flashpoints for the Government in the Queen's Speech; and Colin Moynihan defending his plan for identity cards for football supporters 2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 International Snooker. The third session of the final of the Tennent's UK Professional championship
4.50 Scrubbers. Drama show
5.20 The Clothes Show includes news of the latest ski-wear.
5.45 The Chronicles of Narnia. The third episode of the six-part adaptation of C. S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. (Ceefax)
6.15 Spelling It Out. Improving spelling series. (Ceefax)
6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather
6.40 Songs of Praise from Hexham Abbey. (Ceefax)
7.15 International Snooker. The beginning of the closing session of the final of the Tennent's UK Professional championship.
7.45 Howards' Way. The final episode. (Ceefax)
8.35 Bread. Comedy series (Ceefax)
9.05 International Snooker. The closing frames of the Tennent's UK Professional championship
10.15 News with Michael Buerk. Weather
10.30 Heart of the Matter: Beyond the Limit. Joan Bakewell examines the crisis of conscience among Israelis raised by the Palestinian unrest
11.05 International Snooker. The presentation and highlights of the final of the Tennent's UK Professional championship
11.55 Network East (r). 12.35am Weather.
NB: Programme times after the snooker at 9.05 are approximate

## BBC2

9.00 Ceefax 9.25 Now on Two with Simon Parkin begins with Popeye and Son 9.55 Blue Peter Omnibus (r). 10.45 Dvide 11.00 Windmill. Chris Serle with clips from television programmes about America (r).
12.00 Reportage. An updated repeat of *DEF II*'s magazine programme shown last Wednesday
12.50 Professor Hawking's Universe. An *Horizon* documentary about the celebrated Cambridge University physicist (r).
1.40 40 Minutes: Making the Grade. Profiles of four candidates preparing for a music exam (r).
2.20 The Week in the Lords. The first of a new series presented by Christopher Jones.
3.00 Film: The Black Tent (1956) starring Anthony Steel and Donald Sinden. Second World War drama about a British army officer who finds himself cut off from his colleagues in the West African desert and among the Bedouin tribes. Directed by Brian Desmond Hurst
4.30 Rostropovich — Three Friends. The celebrated cellist and conductor talks about his friendship with Sergei Prokofiev, Dmitri Shostakovich and Benjamin Britten
5.05 Rugby Special. Highlights of the Barbarians v Australia; and a Courage League Division One fixture
6.05 The Roux Brothers. Albert and Michel prepare a selection of shellfish dishes
6.35 The Money Programme includes reports from four EEC countries on merger mania; examines the state of the National Dock Labour scheme; and investigates the battle between rival airlines over lucrative routes and airport rights
7.15 The Natural World: Coral Triangle. The threat to the reefs of 7,000 Philippine islands, narrated by Barry Paine.
8.00 David Dimbleby's TV Guide to the Galaxy. An explanation of the technology, prejudice and politics that surrounds television
8.55 Out of the Doll's House. The last programme in the series on how the role of women has changed during the 20th century
9.45 Sound on Film: Missa del Cid. The first of four programmes features a musical Mass written by the composer Judith Weir.
10.30 Film: Blood Simple (1983) starring John Getz and Frances McDormand. Drama about a Texas bartender and his affair with his boss's wife. Directed by Joel Coen. (Ceefax) Ends at 12.10am

## ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am includes a natural history film and cartoons.
8.00 David Frost on Sunday. News at 8.00 and 9.00; Ned Sherrin and Joan Bakewell review the day's papers at 8.30. Other guests include MPs John Hume and George Walden and, live from Moscow, the *Guardian*'s Jonathan Steele.
9.25 Fraggle Rock (r). 9.55 Motormouth investigates secrets and interviews Samantha Fox 10.30 Follyfoot (r).
11.00 Morning Worship from the Church of St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol
12.00 The Walden Interview. Brian Walden interviews the junior health minister Edwina Currie
1.00 News 1.10 LWT News and weather
1.15 Police 5 with Shaw Taylor 1.30 LWT Action
1.40 Link. Issues for the disabled
2.00 The Human Factor: Massacre of the Innocents. The story of the fight to save Holy Innocents church, Hammersmith, London. 2.30 Benson.
3.00 The Match. Live coverage of the game at St James's Park between Newcastle and Manchester United
5.05 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge game
5.35 Sunday Sunday. Amanda Doria Hannliford's guests are *Golden Girl* Rue McClanahan; actor Anthony Hopkins; and comedian Nigel Planer
6.30 News 6.35 LWT Weather
6.40 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe visits Beamish Open Air Museum, Co Durham
7.15 Live From the Palladium presented by Jimmy Tarbuck. Topping the bill is Barry Manilow
8.45 The Belderbecke Connection. Episode one of a new comedy thriller starring James Bolam and Barbara Flynn. (Oracle)
9.45 News 9.55 LWT Weather
10.00 Spitting Image. Satirical puppet show
10.30 The South Bank Show. On the centenary of Raymond Chandler's birth, an examination of the thriller writer's life and work
12.00 Soap. Zany American humour
12.30am Film: Rawhide (1950, b/w) starring Tyrone Power and Susan Hayward. Western drama about a stage-coach stopping place besieged by four escaped prisoners. Directed by Henry Hathaway
2.00 The Other Side of Midnight presented by Robert Elms. Includes guests Edmund White and Nena Cherry and a review of the film *Bird*
2.30 Pick of the Week. The best from the regions
3.00 Indy-Cart Racing. The Miami Indi Challenge.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00.

## CHANNEL 4

9.25 Orientations with an examination of the advantages gained by Edinburgh's twinning with the Chinese town of Xiamen; an interview with Japanese ballet dancer Yoko Moroshita; and advice from oriental carpets expert John Gooch
10.00 The World This Week includes reports on the surge of nationalism in the Soviet Union
11.00 The Waltons. Adventures of clean-living Appalachian mountain folk 12.00 Treasure Hunt in the Lake District (r). (Oracle)
1.00 Lost in Space. Episode eight of the 30-part vintage science fiction adventure
2.00 Film: The Wind (1928, b/w) starring Lillian Gish. Silent drama about a genteel young woman who arrives in a depressed part of Texas to live with her cattle farmer cousin. Directed by Victor Seastrom
3.30 The Middle of the Road Hour. Light music and song presented by Sir Geraint Evans (r).
4.35 European Film Awards 1988. Highlights of last night's first presentation of the European Film "Oscars", from Berlin's Theater des Westens.
5.10 News summary and weather
5.15 The Business Programme includes a report from France on the Paris Bourse's efforts to become Europe's most successful Stock Exchange
6.45 American Football. The featured game is the Philadelphia Eagles at the New York Giants
7.00 Equinox: The Art of Deception. A documentary exploring the world of concealment and deception. (Oracle)
8.00 Testament. The fourth of seven programmes in which archaeologist John Romer examines the story of the Bible from an historical point of view
9.00 The Media Show. A discussion on the state of British cinema between Sir Richard Attenborough, Hanif Kureishi, Lynda Myles, Michael Apted, Michael Wearing and Judith Williamson, introduced by Muriel Gray from the Museum of the Moving Image
10.00 Film: Destry Rides Again (1939, b/w) starring Marlene Dietrich and James Stewart. Comedy western about a saloon singer and an introverted lawman who tames a wild west frontier town. Directed by George Marshall.
11.50 Film: Tarang (1986) starring Smita Patil. Drama about a modern Indian family whose menfolk are competing in the world of big business. Directed by Kumar Shahani. In Hindi with English subtitles. Ends at 3.00am

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**BBC1** WALES: 5.00pm-5.35 Wales on Saturday 10.45-12.15am Sportsdesk 1.30-1.35 Weather SCOTLAND: 12.15pm-12.45 Sportscene Preview 3.50-4.00 Sportscene Update 4.40-4.55 Scoreboard 5.30-5.35 Scottish news and sport 10.40 Sportscene 11.35 Re-pons network NORTHERN IRELAND 4.55pm-5.05 Northern Ireland results 5.20-5.35 Inside Ulster MIDLANDS 5.15pm-5.20 London: Sport; Other regions: news and sport

**ANGLIA** As London except:11.30am America's Top Ten 12.00-1.00pm The Man From UNCLE 5.05 Anglia News, Sport 5.15-5.45 Cartoons 12.25am The Hit Man and Her: With Pete Waterman 2.00-4.00 Night Network.

**BORDER** As London except:11.30am America's Top Ten: Tribute to Michael Jackson 12.00-1.00pm The Fall Guy 12.25am The Hit Man and Her: With Pete Waterman and Jimmy Savile 2.00-4.00 Night Network

**CENTRAL** As London except:11.30am The Bionic Woman: Lindsay Wagner 12.25pm Le Linea 12.30-1.00 Star Fleet 12.30am Prisoner Cell Block H 1.25 Film: Quadrophenia Mods and Rockers on Brighton beaches in 1964. 3.15 Matlock 4.05 America's Top Ten 4.35-5.00 Cover Story

**CHANNEL** As London except:11.30am The Fall Guy 12.30pm-1.00 Superbroos 12.25am 1st Exposure 12.55 Viewers' Choice: Garrison's Gorillas 2.00 Night Network 4.00 Company 4.05 Rallycross 4.35-5.00 America's Top 10

**GRAMPIAN** As London except:11.30am Beatwatcher: Neonach: African Peninsula 12.00-1.00pm The Greatest American Hero 12.55am The Hit Man And Her 2.00-4.00 Night Network

**GRANADA** As London except:11.30am America's Top 10 12.00-1.00pm Transworld Sport 12.25am The Hit Man And Her: With Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachen 2.00-4.00 Night Network

**HTV WEST** As London except:11.30am America's Top 10 2.00-1.00pm The Man From UNCLE 12.25am The Twilight Zone 1.00 Throb 1.30 Married...With Children 2.00 Night Network 4.00 America's Top 10 4.30-5.00 Album Louise Goffin

**HTV WALES** As HTV West except:No variations

**SCOTTISH** As London except:11.30am The Doug Henning Magic Show 12.30pm-1.00 America's Top 10

**TSW** As London except:11.30am America's Top Ten 11.57 Ove Honeyburn's Magic Birthdays 12.00 Follyfoot 12.30pm-1.00 The South West Week 12.25am The Hit Man And Her: With Pete Waterman 2.00-4.00 Night Network

**TVS** As London except:11.30am The Fall Guy 12.30pm-1.00 Supercross 12.25am 1st Exposure 12.55 Viewer's Choice: Garrison's Gorillas 2.00 Night Network 4.00 Company 4.05 Rallycross 4.35-5.00 America's Top 10

**TYNE TEES** As London except:11.30am America's Top Ten introduced by Cassy Kasem 12.00-1.00pm UFO 12.27am The Hit Man and Her: Live from Mr Smith's club in Warrington 2.00-4.00 Night Network

**ULSTER** As London except:11.30am America's Top 10 12.00-1.00pm Highway to Heaven 1.00am The Hit Man And Her 2.00-4.00 Night Network

**YORKSHIRE** As London except:11.30am America's Top 10 12.00-1.00pm UFO 12.25am The Hit Man And Her: With Pete Waterman 2.00-4.00 Night Network

**S4C** Starts:9.45am Years Ahead 10.30 A Household of Plants 11.00 Moneyspinner 11.30 The March of Time 12.00 Orientations 12.30pm Film: The Big Parade of Comedy 2.10 Film: The Thief of Bagdad* (Douglas Fairbanks Snr) 5.05 Brookside 6.00 Right to Reply 6.30 The Divided Kingdom: Greater England 7.00 Cilrog Alab 7.30 Newyddion 7.45 Y Maes Chwarae 8.30 Corau Mawr 9.20 Wyneb 9.55 Tanner '88 10.55 True Stories 12.40am The Street 1.05 Cecilia 2.05 Barney Miller 2.35 Closedown

**RTE 1** Starts:9.00am The Whole Shebang 10.30 Action Station! 11.00 Saturday 1.00pm The Wide World of Athletics 1.50 Faerie Tale Theatre 2.55 Comedy Capers 3.05 Film: Blondie* 4.25 Saturday Matinee. A western starring Randolph Scott 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 6.15 Mailbag 6.35 The Goodies 7.05 The Flying Doctors 8.00 Faces and Places 9.00 News 9.15 Dallas 10.15 Kenny 'Live' 11.35 News 11.40 Film: Crowhaven Farm

**NETWORK 2** Starts: 12.40pm News 12.54 Sports Stadium 5.10 On The Wings Of The Wind 6.00 Wired 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Ha 7.30 Family Ties 8.00 Film: Splash 10.00 The Modern World: Marcel Proust 11.05 Late Night Drama 12.05am Network '88 12.45 Closedown

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**BBC1** WALES: 12.35am-12.40 News and weather SCOTLAND: 10.30pm-11.05 The Quest NORTHERN IRELAND: 4.55pm Ye Tell Me That 5.15-5.45 Video Picture Show 11.55 Perspectives 12.35am Close

**BBC2** SCOTLAND: 5.05pm-6.05 Rugby Special (includes Calcutta Cup Borders match)

**ANGLIA** As London except:1.10pm News 1.15 Link 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary 2.30-3.00 Blockbusters 5.05 New Grist for Old Mills 5.35 Cartoons 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 12.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.00am Other Side of Midnight 1.25 First Exposure 1.55 Other Side of Midnight 2.25-3.00 Big City.

**BORDER** As London except:1.10pm News 1.15 Landmark 1.45-2.00 Link 2.30-3.00 ALF 5.05 Scotsport 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 12.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.00am Other Side of Midnight 1.30 Donahue 2.25 Film: Nana* 4.00-5.00 Night Beat.

**CENTRAL** As London except:1.00pm News 1.15 Link 1.30-2.00 Here and Now 2.30-3.00 Sporting Triangles 5.05 Highway to Heaven 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 12.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.00am Film: Ballad of Menardesu 2.30 Pick of the Week 3.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Other Side of Midnight 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

**CHANNEL** As London except:1.10pm Reflections 1.15 Link 1.30-2.00 Farm Focus 2.30-3.00 Sporting Triangles 11.30 Wideabout 12.30am Man in the Back Seat 1.30 Other Side of Midnight 2.00 Film: Secret Life of Walter Mitty* 4.05 Coast to Coast Peoples 4.35-5.00 Island Life.

**GRANADA** As London except:1.15pm This Is Your Right 1.45-2.00 Link 2.30-3.00 Down to Earth 5.05 Highway to Heaven 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 12.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.00am Other Side of Midnight 1.30 Donahue 1.55 Film: Nana* 4.00-5.00 Night Beat.

**HTV WEST** As London except:1.15pm Farming Wales 1.45-2.00 Link 2.30-3.00 Who's This Boss? 5.05 Highway to Heaven 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 12.00 Donahue 1.00am Film: Lola 3.00 Other Side of Midnight 3.30 Hit Man and Her 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

**HTV WALES** As HTV West except:2.00-2.30pm Wales on Sunday 5.05-6.00 Everest — The Last Ridge.

**TSW** As London except:10.30am-11.00 Gardens for All 1.10pm-1.40 Farming News 2.30 Tightlines 2.45-3.00 Gus Honeybun 5.05 Highway to Heaven 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 12.00 Space 1.00am Other Side of Midnight 1.30 Donahue 2.25 Film: Nana* 4.00-5.00 Night Beat.

**TVS** As London except:1.10pm News 1.15 Link 1.30-2.00 Farm Focus 2.30-3.00 Sporting Triangles 12.00am Agenda 12.30am Film: Man in the Back Seat* 1.30 Other Side of Midnight 2.00 Film: Secret Life of Walter Mitty* 4.05 Coast to Coast People 4.35-5.00 Island Life.

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**ULSTER** As London except:1.10pm Newsline 1.15 Farming Ulster 1.45-2.00 Link 2.30-3.00 Sporting Triangles 5.00 Country Practice 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 12.00 Hotline from Belfast 1.00am Other Side of Midnight 1.30 Donahue 2.25 Film: Nana* 4.00-5.00 Night Beat.

**YORKSHIRE** As London except:1.15pm Link 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary 2.30-3.00 ALF 5.05 Fall Guy 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 12.00 Sciumdown 1.00am Film: The Calendar* 2.30 Pick of the Week 3.00 Other Side of Midnight 3.30 Music Box 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

**S4C** Starts:8.15am Hafoo 10.00 World This Week 11.00 Waltons 12.00 Treasure Hunt 1.00am Other Europe 2.00 Film: Night to Remember* 4.15 Equinox 5.15 Business Programme 5.45 American Football 7.00 Chalie Chaplin 7.15 Film: Tan 7.25 Newyddion 7.30 Cadwyn Cerdd 8.00 Minafon 8.45 Decharu Canu, Dechau Canmol 9.15 Hel Straeon 9.45 Dyddiau Dyn 10.35 Nid Oes Neb Well Gweld Dwr Erioed 10.40 Sinser 11.45 Film: Tarang 12.30am Closedown.

**RTE 1** Starts:9.30am Network '88 9.55 Deutsch Direkt! 10.20 Mastermovie 10.30 Film: Cross Creek 5.40 News 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 The Cavanaughs 6.30 Cartoon 6.35 Scarecrow and Mrs King 7.30 Murphy's Golden Movies 8.00 Where in the World? 8.30 Glenroe 9.00 Kojak 11.00 She's Got It 11.30 Questions and Answers 11.15 Ray Bradbury Theatre 11.40 News, Closedown.

**NETWORK 2** Starts: 10.15am Flinstone Kids 10.40 Wacky Races 11.05 Battlestar Galactica 11.30 Beat Box 11.50 Whole Shebang 2.30 The Bellboy 3.50 World Philharmonic Orchestra 5.30 Piano Plus 6.00 Newsweek 6.25 Survival 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Sull Thart 7.30 Marketplace 8.00 First Tuesday in November 8.55 Company Man 9.55 Film: Breaking Away

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## Radio 1

VHF stereo — in London (104.9), the Midlands (98.4), the North (98.8), South Wales, Avon and Somerset (98.7), and Central Scotland (98.6) & MW (medium wave)
6.00 Liz 'n' Mark with Liz Kershaw and Mark Goodier
10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00 Adrian Juste 2.00 The House of Wax 3.00 The Saturday Sequence with Roger Scott
7.00 The Beeb's Lost Beatles Tapes 7.30 Robbie Vincent
10.30 The Ranking Miss P with Culture Rock 12.00-2.00 Night Rockin' with Tommy Vance

## Radio 2

VHF stereo (except 1.00pm-7.30pm) & MW (medium wave) News on the hour and half-hour until 1.00pm, then at 3.00, 6.00, 7.00 and hourly from 10.00
4.00 Dave Bussey 6.03 Graham Knight 9.05 David Jacobs 9.00 Sounds of the 60s with Simon Dee 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper
1.00 The News Headlines 1.30 Sport on Two 6.00 Cinema 2
6.30 Brain of Sport 1988 7.00 Beat the Record with Keith Fordyce 7.30 South Bank Pops
9.30 Swing Sound 10.05 Martin Kelner 12.05 Night Owls
1.00 Alan Dedicoat presents Nightride 3.00-4.00am A Little Night Music

## Radio 3

6.55 Weather, followed by news headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Vivaldi (Flute Concerto in D: I Musici with Aurèle Nicolet, flute); Weinberger (Polka: Philharmonia under Karajan); Bach (Violin Concerto: Academy of St Martin in the Fields under Marriner with Gidon Kremer, violin); Liszt (Symphonic Poem — Orpheus: Hungarian State Orchestra under Ferencsik); Franz Benda (Symphony No 2 in G); Mozart (Eine klein Nachtmusik: Columbia SO under Watter)
8.15 The Week on 3: Presented by Piers Burton-Page
8.30 News
8.35 Langham Chamber Orchestra: Directed by Tamas Vasary. Beethoven (11 Viennese Dances); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 23 in A)
9.30 Saturday Review: Introduced by Jeremy Siepmann. Record Review: Roger Nichols looks at the choral music of Poulenc. Record Release: Rousseau (Bacchus et Ariane — Suite No 2: Lamoureux Orchestra of Paris)
1.00 News
1.05 Third Ear: with Robert Hewison
1.30 From the Festivals 1988: York Early Music Festival with Virginia Black, harpsichord. C P E Bach (Sonata in A flat); W F Bach (Polonaises Nos 8 and 1); C P E Bach (Sonata in C minor)
2.15 Michael Haydn's Requiem: A 1771 setting, written for the Archbishop of Salzburg (Austrian Radio Symphony Orchestra and Chorus under Ortner)
2.55 Berio: Chemins IV; Corale (Ciacci, oboe and Chiarappa, violin with the Kammerorchester der Jungen Deutschen Philharmonie under the composer)
3.25 Bruce Cheseksy: This pianist plays Chopin's Ballade No 3 in A flat, Op 38; Rachmaninov's Variations on a Theme of Corelli and Franck's Prélude, Chorale et Fugue (r)
4.20 Debut: Triple Echo. Gary Carpenter (Sonatina II); David Nicholls (Three Empson Songs); Juston Connolly (Poems of Wallace Stevens II)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests: Introduced by Peter Clayton
5.45 Critic's Forum: Sheridan Morley talks to Richard Cork, Jill Neville and Philip Oakes
6.35 The Mandarin's Music: Gong Yi plays works by Guang Ling San on a horizontal zither with silk strings
7.00 A Night at the Chinese Opera: Judith Weir introduces her opera, comissioned for the BBC
8.50 Schubert Piano Music: Played by Martin Roscoe. Variations on a Theme by Anselm; Hüttenbrenner; Piano Sonata in A
9.48 Studio 3: Ver Vee by Gabriel Josipovici
10.20 Jazz Today: Featuring the Elton Dean Quartet
10.50 New Music from China: Glasgow's Festival of New Chinese Music. Music by Tan Dun, Ge Gan-Ru and Guo Wen-Jing
12.00 News
12.05 Wolf 88: Auf eine Chrisiblume II (Barry McDaniel, baritone and Robert Spilman, piano)
12.10 Closedown

## Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 The Farming Week with a report on Australian agriculture 6.50 Prayer for the Day 6.55 Weather
7.00 Today, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.55, 8.55 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4 with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway! Travel and holiday news with Bernard Falk and Nigel Coombs
10.00 News; Loose Ends with Neil Sherrin
11.00 News; The Week in Westminster with Andrew Marr of the *Scotsman*
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Box with Paul Boateng
12.25 The News Quiz: Barry Took chairs the lighthearted quiz played by Richard Ingrams, Ian Hislop, Alan Coren and Kate Adie (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined by Baroness Blackstone, Master of Birkbeck College; Mary Baker, Chairman of the Holiday Care Service; journalist Paul Foot; and David Willetts of the Centre for Policy Studies 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Best of Times — The Worst of Times: The life of Charles Dickens in seven parts (3) (s)
2.40 Treasure Islands: Children's book programme with Penelope Lively. Jill Paton Walsh and Jan Needle review some recent literary prizewinners
3.00 News; At Home: Play by Naomi Ney (s)
4.30 Science Now. Peter Evans investigates "assortative mating" — why people choose partners with characteristics and attributes matching their own
5.00 Conversation Piece. Sue MacGregor with Welsh poet Gillian Clarke
5.25 Week Ending. Satirical review of the week's news 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News, Incl Sports Round-up
6.25 Citizens: Omnibus edition (s)
7.10 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson (s)
7.45 Saturday-Night Theatre: The King's Commissar by Duncan Kyle, dramatised by Neville Teller (s)
9.15 Music in Mind: Richard Baker presents a selection of words and music (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten: A reading, a hymn and reflection (s) 9.58 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The Saturday Feature: The Great Forest of Caledon. Michael Scott reports on efforts being made to restore Scotland's dwindling pine forest to its former glory
10.45 Pen to Paper: Seven-part light-hearted anthology of poetry, prose and song by writers new to radio (4) (s)
11.00 Up the Garden Path by Sue Limb (7 of 8) (s)
11.30 Dial M for Pizza: Comedy show (s)
12.00 News, Incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

VHF as LW except: 1.55-2.00pm Programme News 4.30-6.00 Option: 4.30 Community Matters 5.00 Inside Science: Healthy Eating 5.30 Back in 25 Minutes

## Radio 1

VHF Stereo & MW (medium wave)
News on the half-hour until 12.30 pm, then at 3.30, 4.30, 7.30, 10.30 and 12.00
6.00 Liz 'N' Mark 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00 Sunday Oldies
3.0 Phillip Schofield with "Going Live on Radio 1" 4.00 The Chart Quiz 4.30 Chartbusters 5.00 Top 40 with Bruno Brookes 7.00 Anne Nightingale 9.00 Andy Peebles 11.00-2.00 Scott on Sunday

## Radio 2

VHF STEREO (except 5.00-7.00pm) & MW (medium wave) News on the hour (except 8.00) 4.00 Dave Bussey 6.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Roger Royle says Good Morning Sunday 9.05 Melodies for You 11.0 Your Radio 2 All-Time Greats 2.00pm Benny Green 3.00 Alan Dell with Sounds Easy 4.00 BBC CO Showcase
4.30 Sing Something Simple
5.00 Charlie Chester 7.05 Vince Hill's Solid Gold Music Show 7.30 Nait Murray Sings
8.30 Sunday Half-Hour 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.5 Songs from the Shows 10.45 Geoff Eales 11.00 Sounds of Jazz 1.00am Nightride

## Radio 3

6.55 Weather
7.00 Jack Brymer: Krommer (Clarinet Concerto in E flat, Op 36: Vienna State Opera Orchestra under Prohaska); Albéniz, arr Krein (Sevilla: Krein Saxophone Quartet)
7.30 News
7.35 Langham Chamber Orchestra: Borodin (Nocturne For String Orchestra); Jean-Michel Damase (Serenade, Op 35, for flute and strings); Dag Wiren (Serenade in C, Op 11, for string orchestra: Langham Chamber Orchestra under Handford)
8.30 News
8.35 Your Concert Choice: Delius (North Country Sketches: Ulster Orchestra under Handley); Brahms (Four Quartets, Op 92: Stuttgart Chamber Choir under Bernius with Rothkopf, piano); Arnold (Flute Concerto No 2: Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Thomas with Adeney, flute); Couperin (Les Moissonneurs; Les Baricades mistérieuses; Les Bergeries: Kennett Gilbert, harpsichord); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 1: USSR SO under Svetlanov)
10.30 Music Weekly: with Michael Oliver. Malcolm Hayes looks at the first act of Wagner's *Götterdämmerung*; John Warrack looks at the legacy of Leon Goossens and Gerard McBurney surveys the work of Sergey Taneyev
11.15 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: Mozart: Se

# Celebrating the Barbarians



Vintage 1973: Gareth Edwards commits Ian Kirkpatrick, of New Zealand, to the tackle with (from left) Slattery, Bennett, Wilkinson, McLoughlin and Pullin in support

**The Barbarians will be bringing their unique brand of rugby to the match against the Australians in Cardiff this afternoon. But this great tradition is under threat. Gerald Davies, a former Barbarian, argues for the retention of the game**

They warmed to the Barbarians' rugby charm during my toddling days at school. Although it may be a little hard to swallow, seeing that the original gang of itinerant players are said to have enjoyed an ostentatious supper of champagne and oysters as they formed the Barbarian club in 1890, all the old folk I once knew down old Carmarthenshire way held a cosy place for them.

Such a beano, heady and sensual, not to say expensive, limp-wristed and foppish, was not at all the kind of thing to enamour the club — you would have thought — to the hard-bitten souls round our way, brought up on something different and necessarily more finger-lickin' good and eminently more sustaining. It conjured up a distinctive *laissez-faire* Edwardian air which was a world away from the world I knew.

"You are more than just a rugby player if you ever get to play for them," was the acknowledged and accumulated wisdom, although I never quite understood how this came about, seeing that none of them could ever have been on nodding acquaintance with the Barbarians. But I guess now that they knew something about rugby being a game for gentlemen in all classes but for no bad sportsmen in any, and all that, and that they knew their onions in a way that some others today perhaps do not.

The Barbarians play the Australians in Cardiff today in what has become, over the last forty years, the acknowledged finale to a major tour in Britain and Ireland. There have been moves afoot to remove the Barbarian match — would you ever, ever, believe? — from the incoming touring team's itinerary. The fevered brain that hatched this particular crazy plot should now be prepared for the boiling oil.

There were those, once the idea took root, who wished to do away with the game altogether; others came to the conclusion, equally misguided, that a British Lions team would better fit the bill. It was all a lot of tommy-rot, which is what someone ought to have said straight away and stopped it in its tracks there and then.

Thankfully, somebody with a grain of common sense, and a good deal more to his soul, finally did scupper the foolish conspiracy. The plot still rears its ugly head now and again and, suprisingly, still gets an airing.

Stout support for their survival comes from an unexpected source. New Zealand, who view the game somewhat differently, are more faithful to the idea than many a British representative who ought to know better; your All Black will always have the last word, which in the nature of these weighty matters will count for a lot. Let them stick to their guns.

Quite rightly, they see the match with the Barbarians as an ideal way to bring their travels and travails, if there ever are any for them, to an end in the kind of *Now is the Hour* celebration which the Barbarian mood and image set; knowing full well all the while that the game is there still for the winning.

Those unfortunate players who might have just missed out on a proper international can have their way in an All Black jersey in this final fling. Russ Thomas, the chairman of the New Zealand union, believes. Yet, each All Black wants more than anything to play his part against the club. If there is no equivalent match for the Lions abroad, then it is to be regretted, but no reason to give it up here.

In any case, why should the touring team, having played against the separate countries in international matches have to play against the Lions, marshalling all the other country's forces in what would be seen as yet another Test? *What kind of glory would there be* in that for us in this country? And why should the Lions be forced to perform at home? They are, after all, a touring team, a mixed bunch at that, who play together hoping to become a team over a period of time which would not be at all possible here.

Why change the match at all? Today's game in Cardiff is seen by some as a kind of trial match for this summer's Lions. In which case, why not have done with it, such support may argue, and play under the Lions' banner? What's in a name, you may ask?

A good deal, I would say. The match would never smell so sweetly. The Barbarians' very name creates a flavour and a passion which is denied all others, recognized, imitated, even envied the world over.

The players, relieved of their club or national responsibilities, happily forget the stereotyped response and react more in keeping with what their own best instincts tell them. And who is there to argue with that? The Barbarian flamboyance even makes us critics wonder about the rhymes and rhythms of a game which quite often can fail to amuse and become jaded with too much reasoning and analysis.

The Barbarians prick the consciences of us all. Splendidly maverick and independent, beholden to no one except themselves, and what *they see as the essence of the British* game. Tradition and precedent are the guiding principles.

The Barbarian name, thus, becomes the thing; the Corinthian spirit survives and there is much need for that in these trying sporting times. Change it to the Lions and a *solemn shadow, regretably*, would soon engulf the players. The dancing step would be weighed down by the plodding gumboot; all the doubts and misgivings of the present British game would soon emerge and neuroses follow.

Despite all the fashionable talk of leagues and structures and the new realism that is said to pervade much of our game, there is time for the Barbarians still and a cherished place to be found for them in the winter sun. Any club who can boast Geoff Wheel and "Charlie" Faulkner of Wales, dressed up as char ladies singing "There's a hole in my bucket, dear Lisa, dear Lisa" on the same after-dinner billing as Charles Kent, of England, playing a Chopin sonata on an Easter weekend must, surely, have something about them worth celebrating.

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## BARBARIANS HISTORY AND RESULTS

**1890:** The Barbarians were formed by "Totty" Carpmael to tour in the north-east.
**1901:** First visit to South Wales, although the regular Easter programme did not begin until 1925.
**1909:** First match in the Christmas series against Leicester.
**1921:** First match against East Midlands in tribute to Edgar Mobbs.
**1948:** First meeting with a touring side, Bill McLean's Wallabies.
**1957:** First overseas tour, to Canada.
**1961:** First defeat of South Africa (6-0 at Cardiff) with tries by Derek Morgan and Haydn Morgan.
**1973:** First defeat of New Zealand (23-11 at Cardiff) in a game which has become rugby lore.
**1984:** Eleven tries scored, six by Australia, in their 37-30 victory.

*Results of matches between major touring teams and the Barbarians at Cardiff*

**1948:** Barbarians 9, Australia 6.
**1952:** Barbarians 3, South Africa 17.
**1954:** Barbarians 5, New Zealand 19.
**1958:** Barbarians 11, Australia 6.
**1961:** Barbarians 6, South Africa 0.
**1964:** Barbarians 3, New Zealand 35.
**1967:** Barbarians 11, Australia 17.
**1967:** Barbarians 6, New Zealand 11*.
**1970:** Barbarians 12, South Africa 21*.
**1973:** Barbarians 23, New Zealand 11.
**1974:** Barbarians 13, New Zealand 13*.
**1976:** Barbarians 19, Australia 7.
**1978:** Barbarians 16, New Zealand 18.
**1982:** v Australia. Cancelled, snow.
**1984:** Barbarians 30, Australia 37.
* *at Twickenham*

# Hendry only three frames from victory

By Steve Acteson

Stephen Hendry set about ending Steve Davis' four-year monopoly of the Tennents United Kingdom championship trophy in quite breathtaking manner yesterday, reaching the main interval leading 6-1 and only three frames from victory and a place in the weekend's final worth £50,000 to the winner.

Not since that remarkable final in 1983, when Alex Higgins recovered from 7-0 adrift to beat Davis, has he lost in the UK at the Guild Hall, Preston.

Hendry had beaten Davis only once in 11 attempts and never, in three previous meetings, over yesterday's distance, the best of 17 frames.

Before the match he said he was determined to do something about that unhappy statistic and he was as good as his word winning the first frame with a break of 48 after Davis had squandered a chance to clear up by sending the cue ball off the table and by then depriving the world champion and world no. 1 of a single point in the second and third frames.

Hendry, the 19-year-old Scot who is ranked fourth in the world, took those with breaks of 33, 78, 49 and 66. But Davis missed chances on a red and then the blue to throw away the fourth frame before Hendry cut loose again, runs of 51 and 37 sending him five frames clear.

Davis, who normally metes out this type of treatment to others and is rarely on the receiving end, belatedly opened his account by taking the sixth frame from 37-1 behind but Hendry once again whitewashed him in frame seven, a break of 58 giving it to him by the margin of 94-0.

## Doors closed to Hearn

**Snooker's ruling body, the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), has further distanced itself from its leading critic, Barry Hearn, who, as chairman of the Matchroom organization, is the most powerful private entrepreneur and manager in the game (Steve Acteson writes).**

**Earlier this month, seven of Hearn's players were fined a total of £34,000 for refusing to attend media interviews at the *Rothmans Grand Prix* because of Hearn's legal dispute with the cigarette company. Steve Davis, the world champion and Rothmans winner, was docked £12,000 and Hearn will try to overturn the fines in the High Court.**

**The WPBSA has now written to Hearn saying he will no longer be welcome in their private lounges or in WPBSA-run press rooms at those tournaments where they have the power to implement the ban.**

*The undercard, the semi-final between Terry Griffiths and Doug Mountjoy, both from South Wales, also had emotional appeal. Last February when Mountjoy, then 45, was at the depth of despair, his close friend, Griffiths, sent him to his own coach, Frank Callan, and Mountjoy has blossomed. Griffiths's altruism backfired yesterday as he slipped 5-2 behind at the main interval against Mountjoy.*

**SEMI-FINAL RESULTS:** S Hendry (Sco) leads S Davis (Eng) 6-1. Frame scores (Davis first): 40-78, 0-111, 0-115, 38-77, 17-106, 69-37, 0-94. D Mountjoy (Wal) leads T Griffiths (Wal) 5-2. Frame scores (Griffiths first): 25-74, 19-82, 128-0, 6-76, 36-78, 81-8, 28-73.

# Phelan omitted after drugs charge hearing

By Clive White

Terry Phelan, the Wimbledon left back, was omitted from the squad for the re-run of last season's FA Cup final against Liverpool at Anfield today after appearing in court yesterday on a drugs charge.

Phelan elected to go for Crown Court trial on a charge of possessing cannabis and was granted unconditional bail. No Wimbledon official was available for comment last night.

Wimbledon seem plagued by controversy. The police were recently called to Plough Lane when Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, alleged that one of his players had been assaulted by a Wimbledon player in the tunnel after a Littlewoods Cup tie and Justin Fashanu has been charged with bringing the game into disrepute.

Alan Hansen, who has been missing from the Liverpool team since the start of the season after a knee operation, was admitted to a nursing home on Thursday night for a further operation. Kenny Dalglish, the manager, denied that 33-year-old defender's career was in the balance and expected him to resume training shortly.

Norman Whiteside, who has been troubled by an ankle injury for seven months, could be out for the season.

# An awful long way from California

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Valda Lake, aged 20, from Torquay, beat Monique Javer, of California, who is 195 places above her in the world rankings, by 7-5, 6-2 in a quarter-final of the Prudential national tennis championships at Queen's Club, West Kensington, yesterday.

Javer, whose mother was born in Sussex, holds United States and British passports but, for tennis purposes, has chosen to be British. She did not feel that way yesterday, because the popular Lake had far more support from the public. Lake is a daughter of the former English table tennis international, Pam Mortimer.

Javer, tall and strongly built, has one of those well ordered games that might have been assembled from a prefabricated kit. A great deal of concentrated effort goes into it, but the general effect hovers on the frontier between the careful and the careworn.

Javer led 5-1. In the next nine games she accumulated only nine points. Suddenly, Javer began to miss all the targets she had been hitting. She was a long way from home and looked it. Even the familiar environs of a tennis court became unfamiliar.

Psychologists call it alienation. Only two questions remained: would Javer stay in that condition, and would Lake have the composure to make the most of her chance? We know the answers.

Lake's next opponent, in a match more appropriate to the West Country than West Kensington, will be a Bristolian, Jo Durie, champion five times in six years.

Durie won 6-2, 6-4 against Julie Salmon, of Brighton, whose mobility and confidence were inhibited by a strained thigh muscle. Salmon did lead 3-0 in the second set, but she scored only two points in the next three games.

Clare Wood was serving at 5-6 and deuce in her first set with Amanda Grunfeld, but then won nine consecutive points. After that it became clear that Grunfeld had poured most of her resources into that tough first set.

Nick Brown, whose regular job is coaching, beat David Felgate 6-3, 7-5. This meant that Brown had won consecutive matches in straight sets against three men ranked above him, a feat that, admirable though it is, must be *measured against the fact that* none of his victims ranks among the world's 250 leading players.

Felgate failed to press home his advantages. In the second set he led 3-0, was serving for 5-3, and served for the set at 5-4. When it mattered, he was prone to err - notably by serving double-faults.

Andrew Castle, the men's champion, came back from 2-4 down in the third set to beat a friend and occasional doubles partner, James Turner, whose formidable first service let him down when the match seemed to be in his grasp.

**RESULTS: Men's singles: quarter finals:** J Bates (Surrey) bt M Bloncow (Northants), 6-4, 6-2; N Brown (Cheshire) bt D Felgate (Essex), 6-3, 7-5; A Castle (Somerset) bt J Turner (Avon), 1-6, 6-1, 6-4. **Women's singles: quarter finals:** C Wood (Sussex) bt A Grunfeld (Lancs) 7-6, 6-1; J Durie (Avon) bt J Salmon (Sussex) 6-2, 6-4; V Lake (Devon) bt M Javer (unattached), 7-5, 6-2.

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# May steps down as chairman

**Peter May last night announced his resignation as chairman of the England cricket selectors after seven years in the job.**

**May, in a statement issued by the Test and County Cricket Board, said: "Now is the right time for a change." The statement added that his business commitments were demanding more attention.**

**May, aged 58, has in recent years been heavily criticized in some sections of the media following England's long unsuccessful run in Test cricket, ended only by victory over Sri Lanka in August.**

**Alan Smith, chief executive of the TCCB said: "Peter has always done what he enjoyed doing. He was England captain for a long time during his playing days but gave it up when he stopped enjoying it.**

**"I think that is the overriding factor with him. But I must add that the Board are very grateful to him for the steadfast and conscientious way he has carried out a very difficult job.**

**"However good a selector you are, it all depends on how good your players are."**

# Winter's cricket still in balance

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

England's cricketers were last night waiting to hear if they may, after all, be employed overseas later this winter, following the aborted tour of India. Proposals to visit New Zealand for a short tour in February and March were being discussed in Wellington, where the New Zealand Cricket Council were holding a two-day meeting.

Delegates refused to comment on the matter after the first day's debates but sources within the council confirmed the possibility of a three-way series of limited overs internationals, also involving Pakistan.

This, in itself, would not be enough to lure the England players from hibernation. The Test and County Cricket Board has steadfastly and properly insisted that the team will not travel anywhere unless the cricket offered is "meaningful". By this, they mean that the itinerary should include at least one and probably two Test matches.

It is this factor on which the New Zealand authority's deliberations hinged. They lost money heavily on last winter's England visit and, with Pakistan already committed to a Test series there, they may justifiably feel that staging further games against England would be going to the well once too often.

The financial success of such a venture would probably depend on New Zealand's ability to attract sponsorship. Even so, it must be arguable if a round-the-world mission for so little cricket can be deemed strictly worthwhile.

A decision on the tour was expected today but the long-running Graeme Hick saga will not be resolved until December 8 when a full meeting of the TCCB will vote on a recommendation to cut the qualification for players *from non-Test playing countries* from seven years to four.

● Less than 48 hours before departure, Imran Khan finally agreed yesterday to lead the Pakistan team on their four-month tour to Australia and New Zealand (Richard Streeton writes). He had disagreed with the team selected while he was abroad.

# World title bout for Jacobs

By Jonathan Rendall

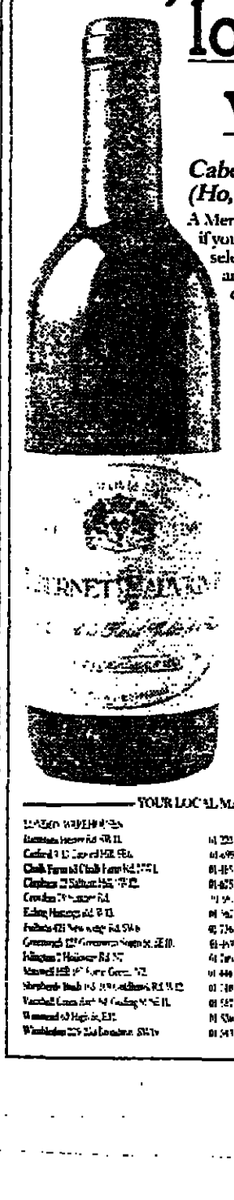
Gary "Kid" Jacobs, the Commonwealth welterweight champion, will meet Simon Brown, of Jamaica, for the International Boxing Federation welterweight title in the United States in May, according to Jacobs' manager, Mike Barrett, yesterday.

Barrett has already agreed terms with Don Elbaum, Brown's manager, for the voluntary defence. "Everything is set up with Brown's people and we are now waiting for a vacant TV slot," Barrett said.

The Brown challenge will be the culmination of a four-bout plan devised by Barrett to catapult the London-based Scot from fringe contender to champion of the world in the space of six months. Stage one is Tuesday's Commonwealth title defence at the Albert Hall against Richard Rova, of Zimbabwe.

Stage two will be a defence of the World Boxing Council International championship — a title for boxers ranked outside the top 10 — which Jacobs won in Las Vegas in September. Jacobs will then meet a top-ranked American before going in with Brown.

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# Keeping jockeys to the straight

ALAN JOHNSON



Gentlemen of the jury at Ascot: (left to right) Major General Sir James Eyre; Mark Armitage (chairman); Peter Steveney (the Jockey Club's senior stewards' secretary); Sir James Scott

From the inner sanctum of horse racing, **Graham Rock** reports on stewards' inquiries, the secret courts of instant justice that can make or break the jockey's career, and the punter's heart

Stewards' inquiry! The words ring out over the racecourse, bringing anxiety to the winners, perhaps respite to the losers. In the betting shops, where millions of pounds may change hands on the outcome, the nation's punters hold their breath.

Minutes later, three honorary stewards, aided and advised by a professional stewards' secretary, will announce their decision. Some will find the outcome perplexing, even infuriating, but none will have had the benefit of seeing all the evidence; stewards' inquiries are held in camera.

*The Times* was permitted to attend stewards' inquiries at Doncaster, Ascot and Wetherby in recent weeks. The stewards included two lord lieutenants of the county, three peers, three ladies with wide equestrian experience, a retired general, owners of thoroughbred studs, a retired chief constable, a stockbroker, company directors, a county high sheriff and two retired colonels.

Three years ago General Sir Cecil "Monkey" Blacker, one of the racing's ablest administrators, carried out an extensive review of the system of stewards and, as a result, some drooping feathers were plucked from the main body. Now, wherever possible, it is Jockey Club policy to recruit stewards from candidates with a background of horses.

The stewards' day begins formally with a briefing half an hour before the first race. The betting intelligence officer reports if there has been any significant support for horses during the morning. At Doncaster, Michael Williams appraises the stewards of support for Still Surprised, making an overdue seasonal reappearance, but backed from 7-1 to 100-30. "There's plenty of money for him, including from the stable. I understand he's been working well at home with Skolem, who ran well here on Thursday."

He goes through the card, race by race, with the senior Jockey Club handicapper, Geoffrey Gibbs, commenting as appropriate: "I'd be interested if he won . . . Seems to be entered as a pacemaker . . . Wears blinkers for the first time . . ."

Zinksky has been well backed for a handicap, and the trainer, Geoffrey Wragg, has telephoned Gibbs to check that victory at Doncaster would not incur a penalty for a valuable race at Ascot later in the month. This is seen as strong endorsement of Zinksky's chance, and the horse wins comfortably at 3-1.

The senior stewards' secretary of the day lists possible non-runners, some because of physical problems, supported by a veterinary certificate, others because the going has changed from that prevailing when the horse was declared.

This is often an area of contention because, if the going is not different from that which the trainer could reasonably expect, a fine would be imposed. The stewards regard the interests of the horse as paramount, and in marginal cases trainers are allowed to withdraw their entries, but those who have declared horses in the hope of an unexpected change in the weather are penalized.

By now the runners are being led into the parade ring and the stewards and their secretaries join them. During the race at least one steward and secretary will watch from a raised box, head-on to the straight, one will remain in the stewards' room to monitor the coverage on screen, and the remainder will view the race side-on to the straight. The stewards have screens in their box and a replay can be supplied immediately if any interference is suspected.

The chairman of the stewards will, after brief consultation with colleagues, including the veterinary officer, decide which of up to 12 horses will have urine collected for a post-race dope test. It may be the winner, or a horse that has shown significant improvement or deterioration in performance. Heavily backed favourites which fail miserably are invariably tested.

After the race the stewards and the secretaries assemble to review the videotape of the race for infringements, but the majority are picked up through binoculars, or from jockeys' complaints.

The most visible duty of the stewards is to decide on the outcome of inquiries under Rule 153, concerning interference. At Doncaster on St Leger day, Ray Cochrane finished second on Wabil in a valuable handicap. He lodged an objection against the winner, Aunt Mabel, ridden by the apprentice Lanfranco Dettori, for "taking my ground at the furlong pole".

Three stewards adjudicate, the most junior usually sitting out, unless any of the others declares an interest in the race. They are assisted and advised by two stewards' secretaries, and a professional shorthand writer records the proceedings.

Outside, the interested parties wait to be called and, once they are brought in to give evidence, the atmosphere in the room becomes strictly formal. The chairman of the panel, Lord Manton, introduces his colleagues, reads out the grounds of the objection, then hands over to Peter Steveney, the Jockey Club's senior stewards' secretary.

Cochrane gives his evidence, asserting that Wabil had to be steadied as Aunt Mabel drifted left in front of him, on to the rail, and that his mount then ran on to be beaten by only half a length. Had he not been hampered, Wabil's renewed challenge would have prevailed.

Apprentices are accompanied by their masters, and James Toller, Aunt Mabel's trainer, is present during the proceedings. Dettori maintains that Aunt Mabel was clear of her rival when she went left and, in any event, that he eased her down in the closing stages and the winning margin did not reflect her true superiority.

All then watch the video replay of the race. In this case, both main cameras are relevant; the head-on shot is usually best for determining interference, while the side-on camera gives a clearer view of how easily the horses involved are travelling.

Aunt Mabel does cross over, Cochrane has to stop riding briefly before switching round to renew his challenge, but, crucially, Dettori makes little effort to drive out his mount to the full, because she is easily holding off the runner-up.

'Cochrane gives his evidence, asserting Aunt Mabel drifted in front'



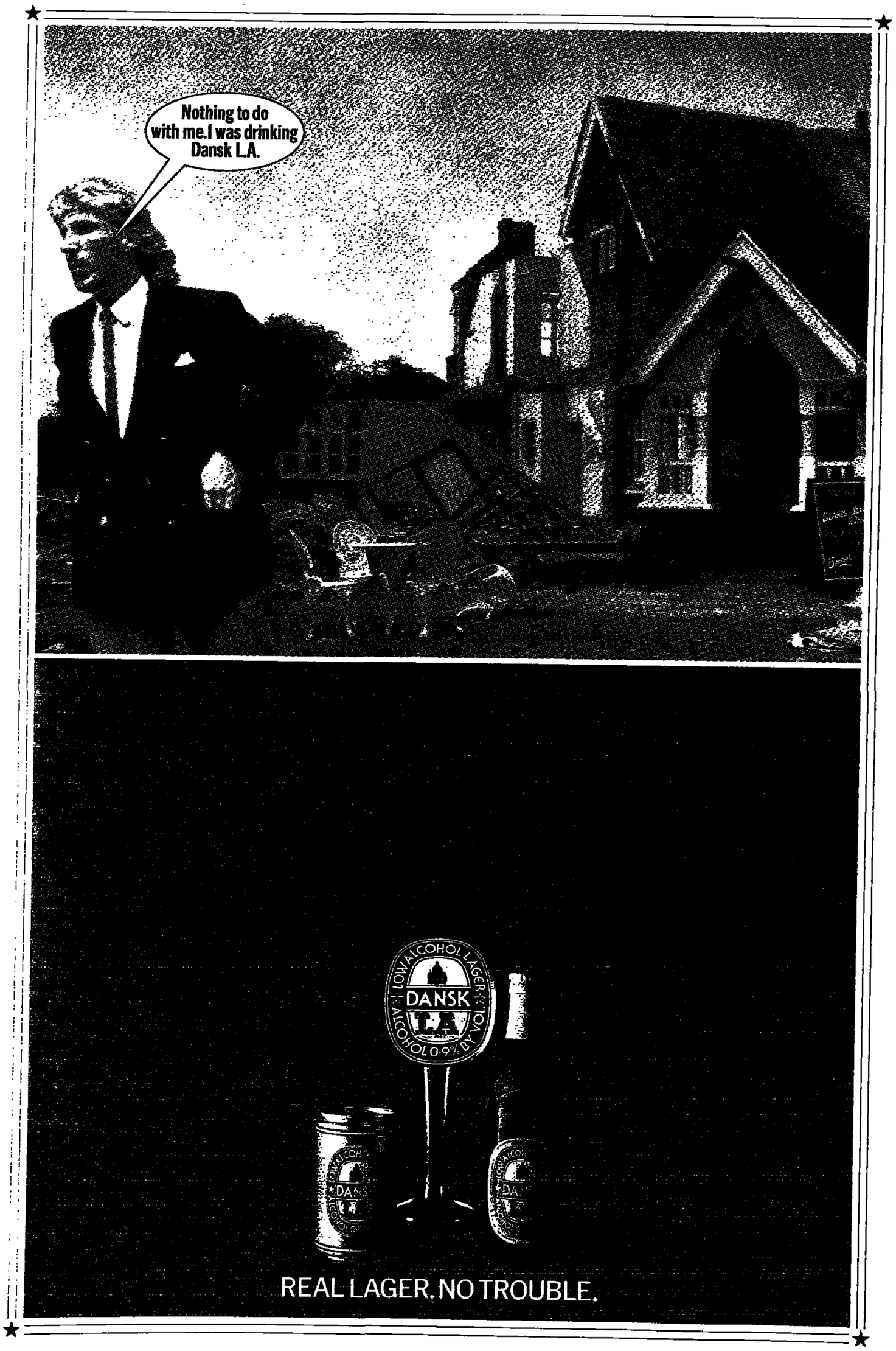
Ray Cochrane: an objection and an inquiry at Doncaster

The chairman of the stewards then asks the relevant parties if they have anything further to say. Cochrane reiterates his case, and Dettori restates his defence. When the chairman is sure that no more evidence can be collected, the room is cleared except for the three active stewards and the stewards' secretary conducting the inquiry. Even the shorthand writer leaves; in order to ensure impartiality, the stewards must consider their decision in isolation.

Those remaining have to decide whether interference took place, who caused it, whether the jockey's riding was accidental, careless or reckless, and if the result was affected. The stewards vote, while the secretary can only advise, which sometimes leads to a difference of opinion and understandable frustration.

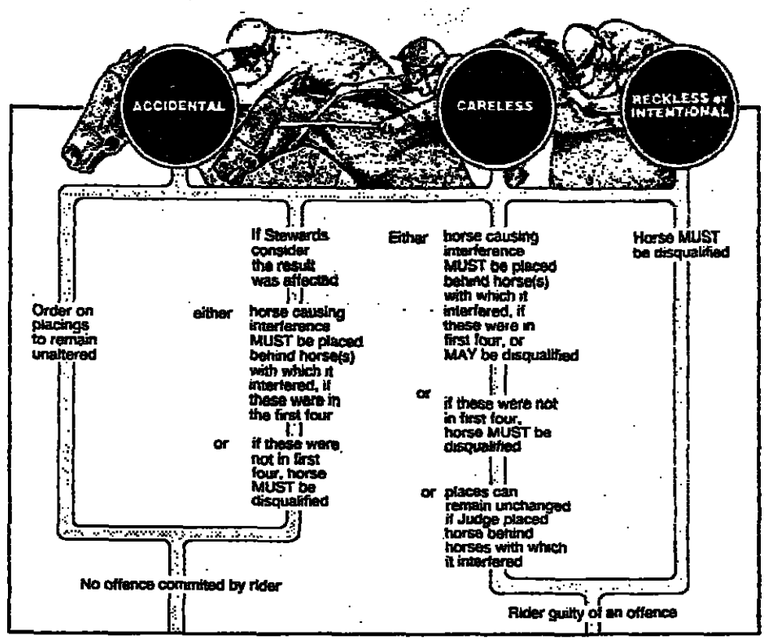
After three or four minutes, the small group waiting outside is summoned to return. Lord Manton informs them that the stewards consider the interference accidental, that it had not affected the result of the race, and they are overruling Cochrane's objection and allowing the placings to stand. Having watched the visual

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## STEWARDS' OPTIONS ON INTERFERENCE




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evidence, no one, including Cochrane, is surprised. If he had wished, he could have appealed to the disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club in London.

The inquiry here arose as a result of an objection, but most are initiated by stewards, even on occasions when they believe that the result may be a foregone conclusion. In the Clifford Novices' Chase at Wetherby, Bishopdale led over the final fence, sharply bumped the runner-up and odds-on favourite, Tartan Trademark, and went on to win by two lengths.

None of the stewards believed that an amended result was likely, but to the crowd on the stands the short-priced Tartan Trademark appeared to have been hampered, and they properly expected the officials to take the trouble to find out the facts.

The video evidence showed Bishopdale had hung to his left, cannoning into Tartan Trademark, who edged to the right.

At the inquiry, Phil Tuck, who rode the runner-up, is far more articulate than his rival, Alan Merrigan. "My fellow lost all his momentum, and I couldn't get going again in time," asserts Tuck, who is asked why, if he was so outraged, did he not object? "I wanted to, but my guvnor said that you gentlemen know your job." It was a valiant effort, but against the odds. Bishopdale's swerve was no fault of Merrigan's, his mount won comfortably, and the result stood.

"This type of inquiry, where the stewards are almost certain of the outcome, is largely an exercise in public relations, but it also reassures the jockeys, and lets them know that we are aware of what has gone on," Peter Stevenev says.

The advent of video ensures that nearly all race-riding *infringements* are picked up, and the tradition of the most experienced jockeys disciplining the *hot-headed apprentices* has now disappeared. "In the old days, if a young jockey took a liberty against a senior, like trying to creep up on his inner, he would get a bollocking. If he tried it again, he risked being put through a wing," Steveney says.

"Now, the senior jockeys have to leave discipline to the stewards. But in this particular instance, of the *inside* rail, there is no hard and fast definition, and it needs to be sorted out."

There were several minor inquiries held: a jockey easing up and losing second place, a horse incorrectly vaccinated, a winner's improvement in form, a start delayed because of an unruly horse, a jockey failing to pull up his mount in the correct manner, two fallers at a bend. Some were more *trivial* than others, but *all* went through the full inquiry procedure.

The stewards behaved formally *at all times* when on duty, but the unmistakeable glint in the eye after Minster Son's courageous victory in the *St Leger*, after Warning's triumph at Ascot, and after half a dozen pulsating finishes at Wetherby, was testament to *their enthusiasm for the game.*

For those who have not been witness to racing's inner sanctum, it should be said that *stewards'* rooms are anything but glamorous. Doncaster's temporary accommodation suggested a dentist's waiting room, Ascot's bare white walls, damp patches, fluorescent lighting and stark black furniture had all the cosiness of an interrogation cell.

Wetherby was better, large and airy, with generous autumn sunlight falling on to the stewards, giving each a golden halo. Saints they were not, but certainly justice seemed to be done, even if it were not seen to be done.

HOCKEY

## Slough put to the test on a busy weekend

By Sydney Friskin

**Slough** who eliminated **Southgate**, the holders, from the Nationwide Anglia Cup, will have to draw heavily on their *experience for two difficult* matches this weekend. They play **Old Loughtonians**, the only unbeaten side in the Poundstretcher National League at Chigwell today and then take on St Albans tomorrow in the fourth round of the Cup at Woodside Leisure *Centre*.

Having been near the bottom of the league table Slough have recovered splendidly to turn the spotlight on themselves mainly through the influence of their centre half, Khehar, whose cool authority has carried them through many a crisis. Maskery, *their captain, has stepped up a* gear at centre forward.

Southgate travel to **Welton** for today's National League match. Welton will also play against **Harborne** tomorrow *in the away* league match which was postponed last week because five Welton players had been injured in a road accident.

Rob Thompson, completely recovered from injury which kept him out of the **Hounslow** side for the past two weeks, returns at centre forward for both matches this weekend. They travel to **Warrington**, still without a point in the National League but could be tested tomorrow when they meet **Fleet** in the fourth round of the Cup without Gordon who is injured, and Hazlitt and Parmi Soor who are not available.

**Oxford Hawks** who surprisingly defeated **Harborne** 1-0 in the third round of the Cup are hoping to upset **Teddington** tomorrow on a grass pitch at Banbury Road. Teddington, intent on reclaiming a place in the top four of the National League, are at home to **Isca** today at the Kingston Grammar School ground, Ditton Fields, with Camburn and Lang completely fit.

**Indian Gymkhana** are at East Grinstead for their League match today without Rehncy and Daved who, according to club rules, have to be dropped after receiving yellow temporary suspension cards last week. Nevertheless, they are expected to beat Warrington in the Cup match at Feltham tomorrow.

**Reading**, five points clear at the top of the League second division should pick up three points easily today in their match against **Westcliff** who have lost all seven games so far.

● Ian Taylor, the former England and Great Britain goalkeeper, confirmed yesterday that he had retired and would not play for Great Britain in the match against the Rest of *Europe*.

FOOTBALL: ABERDEEN READY TO CLOSE GAP AT THE TOP OF PREMIER DIVISION

## Rangers worried by Woods infection

By Roddy Forsyth

**Rangers**, having welcomed a takeover by David Murray, the Edinburgh businessman, will today attempt to prevent an overtaking move by Aberdeen, their closest rivals in the championship. The result is likely to have a significant bearing on the shape of the premier division.

*Alex Smith*, the Aberdeen manager, has insisted for weeks that Rangers could be brought back into the pack and today his players have the chance to fulfil his prediction at Ibrox. Although Aberdeen were beaten when they last encountered Rangers, in the Skol Cup final at *Hampden Park last month, they* had a reasonable claim to be considered the better team.

Smith said: "We have a fine record at Ibrox and we won both our matches there last season. In recent years Aberdeen have done better at Ibrox than anyone else. The defeat in the Skol Cup final is well behind us, as is our win at Pittodrie when we last met in the league. A win would put us level on points with Rangers and encourage the *other challengers.*"

Aberdeen have recently deployed a successful midfield formation of Paul Mason, Jim Bett and Robert Connor and although *Neil Simpson is avail*able to Smith, the manager may prefer to keep a settled team.

Such a luxury is not open to Rangers, whose frequent selection changes, many of them enforced by illness or injury, have proved disruptive. It certainly seems that the absence of Ian Durrant has had a profound effect on Rangers' fluency while McCoist, whose damaged hamstring will cost him his place yet again today, is badly missed, especially *by Drinkell, his for*ward partner.

Chris Woods, the Rangers' goalkeeper, is the victim of an ear infection and may have to be replaced by Nicky Walker, but Neale Cooper, the former Aberdeen midfield player, is restored to the squad. Rangers have not been a cavalier side for the past few weeks but they have stubbornly defended their lead in the division and are unlikely to make many concessions today.

St Mirren are hardly likely to forget their last meeting with Celtic which ended in a 7-1 victory at Parkhead. Today the clubs face each other at Love Street and the match provides an intriguing format for their powers of recovery. Since that *hammering*, St Mirren have been, with Aberdeen, the most consistent performers, while Celtic have extended their revival with victories over Rangers and Hibernian.

Celtic have no injury worries, a vast bonus in the premier division, but with Kenny McDowell injured it seems likely that St Mirren will field two wingers in Peter Weir and Kenny Cameron.

**Motherwell** will attempt to *puncture Heart of Midlothian*, euphoric after their midweek UEFA Cup victory over Velez Mostar and the Lanarkshire club will be reinforced by the return of Steve Kirk and Paul Kinnaird, although Eamonn Bannon is very doubtful.

Elsewhere, the fixture card is completed by **Hibernian** and **Dundee** at Easter Road and **Hamilton Academical's** visit to Dundee United.

● GENEVA: Rangers and AC Milan, the Italian league champions, have appealed against bans on Ally McCoist and Pietro Paolo Virdis following incidents in their European ties (Reuter reports). Rene Eberle, UEFA's disciplinary committee spokesman, said the appeals board would convene in Zurich next week to hear the cases. McCoist was banned for three matches for being sent off in the UEFA Cup game with Cologne on October 26.

ROGER VAUGHAN



Back to basics: Keith Burkinshaw at the Priestfield Stadium, Gillingham yesterday

# Burkinshaw remaining true to his principles

By Clive White

**Pride must have a fall, Shakespeare wrote, *but who could have* imagined, when Keith Burkinshaw resigned as manager of Tottenham Hotspur on a matter of principle four and a half years ago, that he would fall as far as the bottom of the third division?**

**One of the most successful *British managers of the past 20* years, Burkinshaw was curiously shunned by eligible first division clubs on his return from Portugal earlier this year. It took *struggling Gillingham last* month to bring him in from the cold.**

**Yet he remains puzzled by the lack of interest in a manager of his calibre. As he says, his record is as good as anyone's with the exception of Howard Kendall. During his nine years *in charge at White Hart Lane*, Tottenham won the UEFA Cup, the FA Cup twice and finished runners-up in the League Cup.**

**"In industry they look for someone who's done it before but in football they seem to be looking for youngsters who've never had the experience," he said.**

**While some chairmen may have found him too strong-willed for their liking, the chief trouble seemed to be that he was simply forgotten. The natural instinct to distance himself from his disillusionment at Tottenham was something, perhaps, he should have resisted, as David Pleat did when a Greek club offered him a job upon his resignation from Tottenham. Pleat realised that out of sight meant out of mind.**

***His decision to accept another* coaching job abroad, with Sporting Lisbon, in preference to Benfica and one or two other English clubs only helped to dull further the memory of his achievements.**

**Ironically, in Portugal he discovered that a manager has even less say in the running of a club than he does in England. In his first season Sporting finished runners-up in the Portugese Cup (though they might just as well have been last, *Burkinshaw said*).**

**The following season they struggled in the league, causing the president to fret about his re-election. Too honest as ever for his own good, Burkinshaw told him: "If I was you, I'd sack me." So he did.**

**It would seem that Burkinshaw's style of management is today's highly commercial game is outdated. Burkinshaw believes, not unreasonably, that *managers should manage and chairmen* should do whatever it is they do. Nowadays chairmen manage and managers coach.**

**"The advent of the chairman who wants to run the club has not improved the game. They're dabbling in everything, including the buying and selling of *players which they can know* nothing about. Before they just used to look for a bit of reflected glory, nowadays they like to see their names in the papers. Until you tame some of them your life's not worth living," he said.**

**Burkinshaw has no regrets about conceding defeat, only fond memories of the days when he scooped the world by bringing Ossie Ardiles from Argentina to England and moulded the little midfield maestro into one of the *most exciting British teams of* the decade.**

**At Gillingham the transfers tend to be less spectacular but still good value; like the dozen practice balls he managed to get *for free from a sports manufac*turer he knew from his Tottenham days. "It's nice to have friends when you're at a club like this. You have to beg, steal and borrow," he said.**

**Burkinshaw makes no attempt, though, to belittle the job as some might do who have *known grander times. On the* contrary, he considers it a big job. Three defeats in five games since he arrived would seem to confirm that view. "I just wonder if I have the experience for it at this stage; I've been in the first division for so long."**

**An extensive injury list has cruelly restricted Gillingham's progress this season but Burkinshaw is determined that they will play football in the style to which he has become accustomed. "The players might not be good enough to do it or it might be that you just can't play that way in the third division, *but we'll give it a try," he said.***

**First impressions are not promising. In training the other day when one of his players put a pass badly astray Burkinshaw remarked: "That was a bloody awful pass for a professional footballer to make, wasn't it. "Yes, I know," the player answered, *"but I'm a centre back."***

**He finds the current trends disturbing. "I was flabbergasted to read that the England coach thinks we ought to try this long ball game at international level. It makes you realize there aren't many of us left. Perhaps we ought to invent a new game in *this country. We're certainly in* danger of divorcing ourselves from the rest of the world. Mind you, that way we might win a World Cup."**

IN BRIEF

## Withdrawals complaint

The withdrawal of 15 of the 50 English entries in the Scottish Open championship in Edinburgh yesterday prompted allegations from Anne Smillie, the executive administrator of the Scottish Badminton Union (Richard Eaton writes). The SBU is expected to complain to the Badminton Association of England and the International Badminton Federation.

"It takes 12 hours to make a draw and in 10 minutes it has been decimated. Although England do this year after year it is the first time it has been so many. *It is up to the BA of E to* put its house in order," Smillie said.

### Swiss threat

Schladming (Reuter) — Swiss supremacy in women's skiing comes under threat today in the opening race of the season, a *super-giant slalom*. Sigrid Wolf and Anita Wachter, of Austria, have an early chance to challenge Michela Figini, last season's overall World Cup champion and super-G *title*holder.

### Disabled benefit

The British Sports Association for the Disabled will benefit by some £25,000 from a lunch in London yesterday, presented by Minet and amended by the *Prime Minister*.

### Strong singles

The inaugural Cheltenham Gold Racquet *Open* singles championship begins today at Cheltenham College. The leading competitors are Neil Smith, Shannon Hazell, Robert Wakely, Garth Milne and Richard Ellis.

BOWLS

## World glory for Ireland pair

From David Rhys Jones, Auckland

Phillis Nolan and Margaret Johnston won the women's world pairs championship for Ireland here yesterday, 24 hours before the final was scheduled to be played. This amendment to suited the programming of Television New Zealand.

The traditional tenure of Australia, New Zealand and the four home countries seemed threatened when Heather Roberts and *June Fulton, of Bo*tswana, started well against Ireland in the pairs final. Having won a bronze medal at the 1986 Commonwealth Games, the African country was hopeful of upsetting more applecarts, and when Ireland led by but a single shot, 6-5, after nine ends.

*However, Johnston's class* told on the tenth end when she trailed the jack for five shots with her final bowl, and the Africans never recovered. The Irish pair built up a 22-8 lead by the eighteenth end and could afford to lose five shots over the last three ends and still win.

England's pair, Wendy Line and Mary Price, despite a credit balance of 139 shots after 11 round robin games, were kept in *second place in section A when* Ireland beat Western Samoa yesterday morning. England went on to beat New Zealand 20-15, for the bronze medal, while their compatriots, Norma Shaw, Jayne Roylance and Barbara Fuller, extended their unbeaten run to 11 matches.

PAIRS: Section A: Australia 31, United States 13; England (Wendy Line, Mary Price) 28, Canada 10; Ireland (Phillis Nolan, Margaret Johnston) 27, Western Samoa 11; Zambia 29, Israel 15, Singapore 18, Jersey 17. Section B: Fiji 22, Wales (Pam Griffiths, Margaret Pomeroy) 17; New Zealand 30, Zimbabwe 10; Scotland (Sarah Gourley, Frances Whyte) 35, Argentina 8; Papua New Guinea 23, Guernsey (Pamela Le Tissier, Fleur Bougourd) 13; Cook Islands 28, Kenya 9; Botswana, bye. Fiesti: Ireland 22, Botswana 13. Third place play-off: England 20, New Zealand 15.

TRIPLES: Section A: Australia 28, Papua New Guinea 10; Wales (J Ackland, M Hughes, L Parker) 41, Singapore 3; Fiji 19, Ireland (W Elliott, E Bell, N Alley) 14; Canada 17, Zambia 15; Guernsey (A Simon, H White, J Heddle) 14, Western Samoa 14; Scotland (N Mutchland, S McCrone, A Evans), bye. Section B: Hong Kong 31, Botswana 9; England (N Shaw, J Roylance, B Fuller) 28, Kenya 15; New Zealand 26, Cook Islands 14; United States 28, Norfolk Island 13, Argentina 17, Israel 8; Zimbabwe, bye. Play-offs: 5-6: Wales 14, Zimbabwe 13. 7-8: New Zealand 21, Fiji 14. 9-10: Zambia 18, Israel 11. 11-12: Canada 24, United States 12. 13-14: Ireland 28, Argentina 10. 15-16: Papua New Guinea 25, Kenya 14. 17-18: Norfolk Island 16, Western Samoa 12. 19-20: Botswana 18, Guernsey 15. 21-22: Singapore 20, Cook Island 14.

RUGBY LEAGUE

## Gloom over Central Park

By Keith Macklin

The designation of Central Park as a tourist attraction by the Wigan local authority appears to have come at an unfortunate time, with **Wigan** under a series of clouds. Recent form has been discouraging, and the John Player Special Trophy match today against *Halifax has been* cast into further gloom by the suspensions imposed on the New Zealander international centre, Dean Bell, and the utility back, Gerard Byrne.

The six-match suspension on Bell was not unexpected in view of the fact that his two tackles last Sunday ensured that the Salford players, Peter Williams and Ian Bragger, took no further part in the game and are unlikely to play for **Salford** in the revised league game against **Leeds** at The Willows tomorrow.

A few weeks ago Wigan would have been expected to sail *through this second round tie* against a **Halifax** team showing poor form, but the Yorkshiremen have recovered with victories over Salford and Oldham and come to Central Park smarting from their humiliating defeat in the Challenge Cup final against Wigan at Wembley last April. Home advantage should see Wigan through this televised tie, but injuries and loss of form are giving Central Park the feel of a morgue rather than a tourist attraction these days.

**St Helens** have much to prove in their home tie against **Hull**. They were trounced by Castleford last week in a manner hardly befitting a team in second place.

● Stuart Evans, the St Helens prop, has been suspended for three games and will miss the John Player Trophy second round tie against Hull on Sunday following his sending off at Castleford last weekend.

## Fast response to treatment

Khammal, the **Linfield** right winger, who scored the opening goal against **Glenavon** in the midweek Roadferry Cup semi-final, has made a remarkably quick recovery from an ankle injury and may well play against **Newry Town** today (George Ace writes).

When he was assisted from the field the damage appeared to be serious. But physiotherapist Terry Hayes got to work and Khammal trained yesterday.

**Glentoran**, who hammered eight goals past **Distillery** last weekend, cannot expect to find it as easy at Mourneview Park, but Glenavon have a few problems and as Tommy Jackson's team, are almost back to full strength after some unsettling injuries. Glentoran will start as favourites.

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

**Charlton v Nott'm Forest**
Crooks has recovered from a knee injury and is poised to make his first appearance of the season for Charlton. Caton makes his home debut and Evans, a former England schoolboy international, comes into the reckoning. Starbuck and Wilson compete as Forest's left wing.

**Coventry v Aston Villa**
Coventry are expected to field the side that drew at Tottenham in midweek but McGrath, who has not played since breaking a leg in *February, returns* to the squad. Villa, also likely to be unchanged, add Birch and Thompson to their party.

**Liverpool v Wimbledon**
Barnes (groin) is still absent for Liverpool but Rush has recovered from the hip injury which forced his midweek withdrawal against Arsenal. Gibson is poised to return to the Wimbledon attack.

**Southampton v Millwall**
Clarke and Rideout compete with Benali and Shearer for places on Southampton's substitutes' bench. Millwall's only doubt is Briley (heavy cold); Morgan stands by.

**Norwich v Luton**
Rosario is fit again but has to settle for the substitutes' bench as *Allen retains his place in an* unaltered Norwich line up. With Grimes scheduled for a fitness test Dreyer and Harvey compete for the possible Luton vacancy.

**West Ham v Everton**
Kelly (ankle) faces a fitness test for West Ham. Sharp (groin) is doubtful for Everton, who are expected to recall Clarke in attack. Bracewell could replace Reid.

**M'boro v Sheff Wed**
Middlesbrough are injury free but delay selection. Wednesday will *give Varadi (back) a fitness test.*

**Derby v Arsenal**
Goddard (ankle) faces a fitness test for Derby, Gee stand by. Arsenal are expected to be *unchanged but add O'Leary to the* squad.

**Tottenham v QPR**
Walsh has recovered from a virus and returns to the Tottenham attack at Moran's expense. *McDonald (suspended) is absent* from the QPR defence, either Maguire or Ardiles will deputize.

**Tomorrow**

**Newcastle v Man Utd**
With McCreery and Roeder fit O'Neill (hamstring) is Newcastle's only doubt. McDonald, the recent £150,000 signing from Holland, makes his home debut in attack where he will be supported by the recalled Payne. Strachan is doubtful for United; Wilson could deputize *and Martin is added to the squad.*

FOR THE RECORD

**AMERICAN FOOTBALL**

NATIONAL LEAGUE: (NFL): Minnesota Vikings 23, Detroit Lions 0; Houston Oilers 25, Dallas Cowboys 17.

**BADMINTON**

EDINBURGH: Carlton Vauxhall Scottish Open: Men's singles: First round: I Frederiksen (Den) bt C Hunt (Eng), 15-7, 15-8; C Thomsen (Den) bt J Casson (Swe), 15-10, 15-11; S Yu (Aus) bt A Gallagher (Sco), 15-7, 15-1; N Yates (Eng) bt R Gladwin (Sco), 15-2, 15-3; K Middlemiss (Sco) bt N Perrette (Eng), 1-15, 15-6, 15-8; H Busquen (Chi) bt K Scott (Sco), 15-8, 15-10; N Sharp (Den) bt S Oesterberg (Swe), 15-8, 15-5; C Rong (Chi) bt A McMillan (Sco), 15-7, 15-4; M Pope (Den) bt M Adams (Eng), 15-3, 15-1; J Herngarden (Swe) bt C Zingdong (China), 15-5, 15-2; D Hall (Eng) bt P Andreasson (Swe), 15-14, 15-5; Y Jun (China) bt B Kristiansson (Ice), 15-9, 15-8; C Rees (Wal) bt M Smith (Eng), 15-9, 9-5 ret; H Zhanzhong (China) bt J Muller (Sco), 13-15, 15-9, 15-8; A Nielsen (Eng) bt V Kumar (India), 15-11, 15-12; J Thomson (Swe) bt G Holst-Christensen (Den), 15-1, 15-12. Women's singles: First round: C Bengtsson (Swe) bt M Moynihan (Ire), 4-11, 11-0, 11-1; C Palmer (Eng) bt G Martin (Sco), 11-8, 11-3; E Allan (Sco) bt T Edwald (Ice), 11-8, 11-1; A Fisher (Eng) bt K Knighten (Sco), 11-1, 11-2; P Nedergaard (Den) bt J Salsbury (Eng), 11-4, 5-11, 11-8; S Lanteeg (China) bt J Allan (Sco), 11-7, 11-4; C Magnusson (Swe) bt C Doherty (Ire), 11-2, 11-4

**BASKETBALL**

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Bulgaria 105, West Germany 99; Spain 130, Switzerland 53.

**CRICKET**

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Devonport: New South Wales 50-2 v Tasmania. Rain stopped play. Adelaide: Western Australia 259-7 (M Veletta 69, T Moody 46, W Andrews 45) v South Australia.

**FOOTBALL**

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Huddersfield 2, Sheffield United 2; Liverpool 3, Blackburn Rovers 0.
CAPITAL LEAGUE: Leyton Orient 2, Welling United 0.

**GOLF**

TOKYO: Kagoshima International tournament: Leading scores: (Japanese unless stated): 142: J-M Olazabal (Sp), 73, 69; Y Yamamoto, 69, 73, 143: Lietze (US), 72, 71; M Ozaki, 73, 70; Y Kanzagawa, 74, 69, 146: H Mashiki, 71, 74; S Simpson (US), 74, 71; K Yoshimura, 76, 69. British: 148: P Baker, 75, 73.

**ICE HOCKEY**

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Quebec Nordiques 5; Montreal Canadiens 3; Boston Bruins 2, Philadelphia Flyers 1 (ot); Edmonton Oilers 4, St Louis Blues 2.

**TENNIS**

BRUSSELS: Belgian Indoor Grand Prix tournament: Third round: J Hlasek (Switz) bt G Layendecker (US), 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; P Kuhnen (WG) bt C Saceanu (Neth), 6-3, 7-6; H Leconte (Fr) bt E Masso (Sp), 6-3, 6-4; J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt K Demaythieli (Bel), 6-4, 6-4. Quarter-finals: Fitzgerald bt E Jelen (WG), 6-1, 3-6, 6-0.
ITAPARICA, Brazil: Open tournament: Quarter-finals: M Jaite (Arg) bt S Casal (Sp), 6-4, 6-4; J Yzaga (Peru) bt A Chesnokov (USSR), 7-5, 7-6; J Bercher (Sp) bt A Mancini (Arg), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; J Frana (Arg) bt D Perez (Uru), 4-6, 7-5, 3-6, ret'd.

**RUGBY UNION**

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Norwich 28, Hills Road 10; Ford St: University of East Anglia Freshman's 4, Wymondham 34.

MOTOR RALLYING

## Lessons of a Finnish school

By Andrew Longmore

There was much to admire about a remarkable and highly competitive *RAC Lombard* Rally: the skill of the ageless Hannu Mikkola in the savage conditions of Kielder on Tuesday night, the sportsmanship of Kankkonen, who after hitting a patch of ice and crashing immediately ran back up the stage to warn the eventual winner Alen about the danger, and the sheer courage of the 87 finishers.

But, above all, the fact that the rally was run with no stage cancellations and minimum delay through conditions generally deemed to be the worst since, well, since the last time the event was held in Harrogate 17 years ago, was a tribute to the organizers and the marshalls.

At times, as the competitors ice-danced their way through stages, the clerk of the course, Malcolm Neill, must have come under severe pressure to call a *halt. Only once, as far as I know,* when there was a problem in getting a four-wheel, as opposed to a two-wheel, drive ambulance into position on a stage on *Tuesday was there ever thought* of cancellation. It is easy to overlook such details until too late.

But amid all the mayhem, there were at least two oases of predictability: Lancia won their tenth world championship victory of the season out of 11 events and the British challenge all but vanished. At a different time, Jimmy McRae, Malcolm Wilson and David Llewellin *appeared on the leader board*, but, come Thursday afternoon, the top 10 was dominated by Scandinavians with a West German and a Spaniard at least maintaining a presence from the EEC. The highest British driver, Mark Lovell, was seventeenth in his Ford Sierra, nearly 45 minutes behind the winner.

There is no shortage of valid excuses for this poor showing. Conditions suited the Scandinavians; McRae, the one British driver in a competitive car, retired early; Llewellin had bad luck when he had a minor spin but could not restart and Wilson, *after a plucky drive in the* Astra, had mechanical problems. In the longer term, it's easy to say that the Scandinavians are simply better drivers because they have been brought up in rally conditions. Easy, but not necessarily true.

Llewellin has been driving since he was a boy and, arguably, has the same natural ability as any of the Scandinavians. The difference is that, aged 28, *he is still short of a* competitive car, short of backing, short of international experience. "There is no British driver inside the major teams to recommend us," explained Llewellin. "So the Finnish drivers naturally put forward one of their own young drivers if there is a vacancy. *There's no way in.*"

Llewellin might get the opportunity to advertise his talents in a competitive car on a world championship next year. But he will still have to raise his own money

SQUASH RACKETS

## Myers decides to move before the merger

By Colin McQuillan

At the start of the InterCity national championship in Bristol and 18 months ahead of a Sports Council deadline for *merging* the administration of the men's and women's games, Christina Myers, general secretary of the Women's Squash Rackets Association has announced her departure to a £30,000 legal administration post.

After 13 years of service, both in Britain and internationally, Myers, aged 39, can claim a substantial role in the boom that produced some three million *players in Britain and in the* development of professional competitions throughout the world.

*The move by Myers, though* earlier than expected, will reduce competitive executive pressures when the enforced merger between the WSRA and the men's SRA takes place in June 1990. "It was an offer she simply could not refuse," a colleague said yesterday. Joyce Toomey, the assistant secretary, for many years army squash champion, will take over WSRA administration in the New Year.

The decision to merge the two associations came after an independent study, demanded by the Sports Council as part of a funding examination, found considerable duplication of effort and significant unproductive political manoeuvring between the WSRA and the SRA.

RESULTS: Men: First round: M Hornby (Lancs) bt C McManus (Scot), 4-9, 9-3, 9-0, 9-3; A Darlizay (Notts) bt I Robinson (Yorks), 9-3, 5-9, 9-2, 9-0; R Owen (Avon) bt D Bradbury (Warwicks), 10-8, 9-3, 9-6; P Gregory (Surrey) bt C Keith (Scot), 9-7, 10-9, 9-4; M McLean (Scot) bt P Marshall (Lancs), 6ر; N Stiles (Surrey) bt S Lanfester (Suffolk), 6-9, 10-8, 9-5, 9-0; S Taylor (Lecs) bt R Weatherall (Berks), 9-7, 9-4, 9-0; P Nichol (Durham) bt S Jonnson (Essex) 9-6, 9-5, 9-4; J Pearson (Yorks) bt L Sturgess (Derbys) 6-9, 9-4, 9-0, 6-9, 10-9; C Mew (Essex) bt K Buckley (Essex), 9-2, 9-8, 9-0; A Smith (Staffs) bt S Stevenson (Staffs), 9-2, 9-2, 9-7.

BOXING

## Universities square off in new event

A 30-strong entry from nine universities will compete in the first British Universities Sports Federation (BUSF) championships at Kent University this evening (Srikumar Sen writes).

This students' event is in addition to the bigger Universities and Hospitals championships in January when the Irish *Universities and RMA Sand*hurst also take part.

The light-heavyweights should provide the best final. Liverpool have two entries, Bennett and Christon Smith, who has boxed for the Northampton Club. One of them could find himself against Poyiadjis, of Kent, a puncher who won the Universities and Hospitals middleweight title last year.

The featherweights could also provide some lively boxing with Oxford, Cambridge and Kent challenging for places. McFarland, the Oxford captain, and Rippingale, of Kent, should go through.

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## Ballymena's

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RUGBY UNION: WALLABIES BRING DOWN THE CURTAIN ON A FRIENDLY TOUR

# Barbarians hope an inimitable style will fashion victory

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The ninth Australian touring party will scarcely thank me for mentioning it, but when the eighth Australians came to Cardiff to play the Barbarians four years ago they had something to celebrate — a grand slam — and did so in extravagant fashion. Afterwards Andrew Slack, the Wallabies captain, made one of many apposite remarks on that tour: players, he said, were enriched by such matches because their rugby won friends.

Nick Farr-Jones's touring party may not be remembered for the same historical reasons as Slack's men but they, too, have won many friends on their tour, the British section of which ends against the Barbarians at Cardiff Arms Park today; their frankness in adversity, the joy of their rugby when they have found the space which English teams had largely denied them, their willingness to participate with their hosts in the off-the-field pleasures touring can still offer.

They have rowed on the Cam, they have golfed at St Andrews, they have talked with schoolboys, they have signed autographs and rugby balls galore, they have impressed all who have acted as liaison officers to their party.

Moreover they have it in their power, as they showed at Murrayfield a week ago, to match the play produced by their predecessors four years ago.

It will, I imagine, be the last occasion on which we will see McIntyre, his country's most capped prop with 37 appearances. He will be 33 next month, though there will be a temptation to hang on for the series against the British Lions next summer; the rest of today's Australian team seem likely to be in contention in seven months time, and it needs no great leap of the imagination to see most of the Barbarian XV turning out against them as Lions.

Such stern matters lie ahead. As far as this afternoon is concerned in a match sponsored by the Royal Bank of Scotland a near-capacity crowd will hope that both teams can match the words of Matthews, who captains the Barbarians: "The important thing is for us to win the game but having said that, without a shadow of a doubt, we will be playing in Barbarian fashion because that's the best way to win the game."

In other words, the Barbarians will try to carry the game to the opposition, ball in hand, as England and all the divisional teams did, with one exception, successfully. The six players from Welsh clubs and two Irishmen in the Barbarians team have not encountered the Wallabies on this tour but they will have noted that philosophy and no one could embrace it better than Davies, Jones and Ring among the backs.

All three were in the Welsh side which beat Australia in that thrilling third-place play-off in Rotorua during last year's World Cup while Laity, the uncapped Cornishman, will revel in a showcase such as this in which to display his wares to the watching Welsh selectors."

## TODAY'S TEAMS AT CARDIFF

| Barbarians | | | Australians | |
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| A G Hastings (London Scottish) | 15 | Full Back | A J Leeds (New South Wales) | 15 |
| M D F Duncan (West of Scotland) | 14 | Right wing | A S Niuqila (New South Wales) | 14 |
| C Laity (Nearth) | 13 | Right centre | M T Cook (Queensland) | 13 |
| M G Ring (Cardiff) | 12 | Left centre | L F Walker (New South Wales) | 12 |
| R Underwood (Leicester) | 11 | Left wing | D I Campese (New South Wales) | 11 |
| J Davies (Llanelli) | 10 | Stand off | M P Lynagh (Queensland) | 10 |
| R N Jones (Swansea) | 9 | Scrum half | N C Farr-Jones* (New South Wales) | 9 |
| D M B Sole (Edinburgh Academicals) | 1 | Prop | R Lawton (Queensland) | 1 |
| S J Smith (Ballymena) | 2 | Hooker | T A Lawton (Queensland) | 2 |
| D Young (Cardiff) | 3 | Prop | A J McIntyre (Queensland) | 3 |
| P M Matthews* (Wanderers) | 6 | Flanker | J S Miller (Queensland) | 6 |
| W A Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers) | 4 | Lock | S A G Cutler (New South Wales) | 4 |
| R L Norster (Cardiff) | 5 | Lock | B Frawley (New South Wales) | 5 |
| R A Robinson (Bath) | 7 | Flanker | S R Gourley (New South Wales) | 7 |
| I A M Paxton (Selkirk) *Captain | 8 | No 8 | S N Tuynman (New South Wales) *Captain | 8 |

Referee: G Maurette (France)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 B J Mullin (London Irish), 17 A Clement (Swansea), 18 J Griffiths (Llanelli), 19 I J Watkins (Ebbw Vale), 20 D C Fitzgerald (Lansdowne), 21 W P Moriarty (Swansea).

REPLACEMENTS: 16 B T Burke (New South Wales), 17 S L James (New South Wales), 18 J C Grant (New South Wales), 19 M I McBain (Queensland), 20 M N Hartill (New South Wales), 21 T S Gavin (New South Wales).

# Romania's hopes could be destroyed

From Chris Thau
Bucharest

For the past three days the Romanian capital has been wearing its formal dress — an elegant, immaculately white blanket of snow — ready to greet the arrival of the French for their annual game against Romania. Accordingly, the temperature dropped to -10°C.

At one stage the match looked threatened as the snow piled up to two feet on the Giulesti Stadium. But the Romanians sent in the army and a full battalion have cleared the playing surface.

The match will take place as scheduled, but the ground, under its frozen crust, is soggy.

The French arrive here determined to destroy the once meaningful Romanian challenge. They have made only two changes to the team that beat Argentina in the second international and are set to subject the Romanians to the same battering.

Thierry Devergie, of Nimes, is making his debut in the second row alongside Jean Condom. Ondarts is moved from tight head to hooker to let in Jean-Pierre Garuet.

France is developing a new playing style modelled on the All Blacks' approach. For a variety of reasons they were less successful in applying it in the second international in Lille than in the first one in Nantes. Jacques Fouroux, the French coach, wants to perfect his new "Blue-Black" style at the expense of the hapless Romanians.

For the Romanians another mammoth defeat can jeopardize everything they have been trying to achieve during the past three decades.

However, they have been preparing hard for this game and the mood among the players is one of grim determination.

There are five newcomers in the Romanian team and the average age of the side, excluding veterans Murariu, Alexander Radulescu and Lungu, is well under 23. "It is better that only a few of them have played against France before. France is really formidable. It is better they start the game without complexes," Theodor Radulescu, the Romanian coach said.

ROMANIA: M Teodor; L Hodorca, G Fulina, A Lungu, N Racaci, G Ignat, D Neaga; G Leonte, G Ion, G Dumitrescu, A Radulescu, S Cormoco, N Dumaras, F Murariu (capt), I Dop.
FRANCE: S Blanco; P Berot, P Sella, M Andrieu, P Lagisquet; F Mesnel, H Sanz; L Armary, P Onderts, J-P Garuet, E Champ, J Condom, T Devergie, M Cecillon, L Rodriguez (capt).
Referee: C Norling (Wales).

# Hall loses divisional team place

The South-West selectors have put the cat among the divisional pigeons by omitting Hall, the former England flanker, from the team which opens the Toshiba divisional championship against London at Gloucester on December 3. Instead they have promoted Teague, Gloucester's No. 8, as one of three changes from the side which beat the Australians at Bristol last month (David Hands writes).

Swift, who displaces Carr of Bristol on the right wing, was an original choice before injury removed him from the game against the touring side.

In the absence of the injured Halliday the captaincy passes to Barnes, who was named to lead the division against Leinster in September but missed the match, and the versatile Hogg will play centre.

By preferring Teague, the first of whose three caps, all as a flanker, came as a replacement for Hall three years ago, the divisional selecters have imitated the national selectors, who chose Egerton, normally Bath's No. 8, on the flank against Australia earlier this month.

They have, of course, chosen to break up the understanding of the Bath back row of Hall, Egerton and Robinson and, at the same time, dealt a blow to Hall's hopes of returning to the full England team.

He said yesterday: "I am bitterly disappointed, although not so much about being left out of the side. If they feel they want Mike Teague and he is playing well, fair enough. But I think they could have contacted me before announcing the team."

Mike Rafter, the divisional coach who will hold a "talk and chalk" meeting for the squad tomorrow, said it had proved impossible to contact Hall throughout Thursday.

Teague's game against Bristol last weekend will have confirmed his selection and must put him back in contention for an England place.

SOUTH-WEST DIVISION (Bath unless stated): J Webb (Bristol); A Swift, S Hogg (Bristol), J Guscott, R Knibbs (Bristol); S Barnes (captain), R Harding (Bristol); M Preedy (Gloucester), K Dunn (Gloucester), R Pascall (Gloucester), M Teague (Gloucester), J Morrison, N Redman, A Robinson, D Egerton. Replacements: A Lumsden, P Hull (Bristol), R Hill, G Chilcott, G Dawe, P Collings (Bristol).

# Injury worries for selectors

By David Hands

The withdrawal of Hackney from Nottingham's wing and Thomas as Coventry's scrum half in today's Courage Clubs Championship programme must cast some doubt about their appearance for the Midlands in next weekend's divisional championship. Both players have knee injuries and the divisional selectors hoped they would be able to indicate their fitness today.

Nottingham, who travel to Orrell, are still in the top three of the first division though they may be hard pressed to sustain that position against the Lancastrian club, for whom Kimmins is currently in fine form at lock. It would be no surprise to see him named in the North's divisional team over the weekend.

There is a danger that, after today's fixtures, some may regard the leadership of both the first and second divisions as settled; that is, if Bath beat Wasps and Saracens beat Blackheath. "There's no doubt about it in my mind," Andrew, the Wasps and England stand-off half, said. "If we don't beat Bath they will win the title."

Both Bath and Saracens are unbeaten in the league, moreover the London club have already defeated most of their nearest rivals. Indeed, some significant scraps may take place at the other end of the league tables, among those who see relegation looming: Rosslyn Park, for instance, who play Bristol, are all too aware of the adverse points ratio they have sustained and which may be a telling factor come April.

Bristol, though are without Knibbs, Hogg and Collings, all of whom have been playing sevens in Dubai this week. Not all the club's officials will share the view of Dun, Bristol's captain, who said: "There are no bad feelings. This is an amateur game and the other players must take the chance to see places they would not otherwise go to."

● The champions of the Universities Athletic Union meet the British Colleges champions when West London Institute entertain Loughborough University today. Loughborough won last season but the institute have lost only once this season, against Old Gaytonians.

## TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

### First division

**Bath v Wasps**
Swift (wing) returns for Bath after injury while Palmer is retained at centre and Withey replaces the unavailable Robinson. Andrew has recovered from injury to play in an unchanged Wasps team.

**Leicester v Harlequins**
Tony Underwood stands in for brother Rory on Leicester's left wing and Grant makes his senior debut instead of the injured Richards, with Thornley returning to the back row. Harlequins play Cramp at stand-off and Edwards at lock.

**Moseley v Liverpool St H**
Robson returns at scrum half for Moseley and Pullinger moves from lock to flanker. Liverpool are unchanged.

**Orrell v Nottingham**
Pegg is unavailable so Orrell play Winstanley, making his league debut, in the back row. Greenwood makes his league debut at No. 8 for Nottingham instead of the injured Parsonage and Stiles plays on the left wing.

**Rosslyn Park v Bristol**
Park retain the side which lost at Leicester, Schuler continuing at No. 8 for the injured Brooks. Davis makes his league debut as Bristol's scrum half for the unavailable Harding, Hull and Thomas are in midfield and Crane at No. 8.

**Waterloo v Gloucester**
Peters returns after injury to displace McNally as Waterloo's front-head prop against a Gloucester side showing only one change, Gadd for Ashmead, in the back row.

### Second division

**Blackheath v Saracens**
Blackheath play Bissett on the blind-side flank instead of the injured Anous. Leaders Saracens are unchanged so Parker retains the No. 8 position.

**Gosforth v L Scottish**
Briggs (full back) and Curry (prop) return to Gosforth's side in which both Ogilvie and Elliot are on stand-by in case Edwards (wing) has to withdraw. Scottish have Burnell (prop), Campbell-Lamerton (lock) and Buchanan-Smith (flanker) back.

**Headingley v L Welsh**
Headingley have Swales available at full back, the only change from the XV which beat Sale. Robin, who replaced Griffiths last week, retains the stand-off position.

**L Irish v Sale**
The Irish are without Whittle, who is in Dubai, and Mullin so Gibson moves to the back row and Francis joins Stevens in the second row. Smith is at scrum half in a reshaped Sale back division, where Stansfield moves to centre and Pond comes in at full back.

**Northampton v Bedford**
Northampton revert to Cannon and Newman at second row and prefer Cox at prop. Bedford have a new half back pairing in Vaudin and Simpkins. Cunningham (full back) and Frankcome (No. 8) return and Ward is at prop.

**Richmond v Coventry**
Cooper, who missed last week's match because of illness, comes in at lock for Richmond who retain Hackett (prop). Coventry are unchanged.

# Stewarts near full strength

By Alan Lorimer

Just what effect the three week break from league rugby to accommodate the Australian tour will have, will be determined today when the McEwan's championship resumes for one Saturday only before having a further interruption for the district championship and national trial.

It is unlikely that Kelso, the front runners, will have lost their winning rhythm which has been steady for the last six games following their defeat by joint leaders Heriot's in the opening round.

Kelso travel to Inverleith to face Stewarts-Melville, who are currently struggling second from bottom of the division one table but who are back to almost full strength for this afternoon's match. That means a return to league rugby for their Scotland flanker, Finlay Calder, who plays only his second game since recovering from the injury he sustained in the match against Heriot's FP on October 8.

Back too are the full back, Chris Spence, and the scrum half, Julian Scott, both casualties of the Edinburgh v Australia match and also the centre, Scott Dickson, who was another player injured in the Goldenacre match.

Perhaps Kelso are not the team against whom to test such feelings. Three weeks ago they ran in nine tries to beat Watsonians 50-0 and have shown that once in their stride they are a high scoring team, but today that capability will depend on the ability of the former Scotland stand-off, Andrew Ker, to avoid the attentions of the Stewarts-Melville back row.

The joint leaders, Heriot's, face Jed-Forest at Riverside where the home team could be capable of causing an upset but if Heriot's can deploy their fast back division and full back, Henry Murray, in particular, then they should have the measure of the Borderers.

At the Greenyards Boroughmair will want to maintain their title challenge with a victory over Melrose as will the other joint second placed clubs Hawick and Edinburgh Academicals, who play West of Scotland and Watsonians respectively.

# Williamson to make debut

Cheltenham are strengthened for their Area League South match at Salisbury by the inclusion of the New Zealander, Colin Williamson, at stand-off half. It is the first time Williamson has been eligible for a League game.

Andy Burton, the son of Mike Burton, the former British Lion, is dropped after a four-match run at prop. Sugar takes his place.

The Lydney manager, Gordon Sargent, back from playing in a veterans' tournament in Bermuda, is faced with several injury problems for the important Area League South home game with Havant and is delaying selection. Lydney are top of the division, but Havant have lost only one game and are not far behind.

# Ballymena's new look

By George Ace

There was good and bad news for Ballymena yesterday as the team to play Lansdowne at Eaton Park was finalized. Rainey, the Ulster full-back, resumes after a hamstring injury — he missed the games against Leinster and Bangor. But Tweed (Lock), Ringland (wing), Smith (hooker), and Hughes (flanker) are all absent.

McCartney and Pollock are the wing forwards in a new-look back row which includes O'Sullivan, a newcomer to the club this season and who has been impressing with the second string. It will be his first senior game. Stinson will hook for Smith who plays for the Barbarians against the Australians.

Lansdowne will be without Sexton, their international wing who has a shoulder injury, and Clinch is missing from the centre with leg trouble. Fitzgerald, the international prop, is in Cardiff as a substitute Barbarian.

O'Neill is in for Sexton; Purcell switches from the wing to centre for Clinch and O'Connor takes over on the wing. Fitzgerald is replaced by McKeen, the Under-20 captain.

The Ulster selectors will be out in force on an afternoon that sees a lot of cross-border activity with Old Belvedere, Monkstown, Bective Rangers and Corinthians as well as Lansdowne all travelling North and Armagh, Collegians, Academy and NIFC heading in the opposite direction. The Ulster team to meet Munster in Limmerick next Saturday will be announced tomorrow.

CRICKET



Familiar flight: Hadlee appeals unsuccessfully against Srikkanth, India's top scorer with 94

# Hadlee onward and upward

From Javed Akhtar, Bombay

The inimitable Richard Hadlee steadily worked his way through the India batsmen on the second day to give New Zealand a slight advantage in the second Test at the Wankhede Stadium here yesterday.

Hadlee claimed five for 48 — his 34th five-wicket haul in Tests — as India inched to 232 for nine as 11 wickets fell during the day after New Zealand's first innings closed at 236.

Play was extended by almost an hour as New Zealand dawdled towards the quota of 90 overs and three balls still remained in the final over when poor light ended proceedings.

New Zealand seemed in some trouble when Bracewell added one run to his overnight 51 and Chatfield lost his leg stump to Kapil with only five runs added to the overnight total in 20 minutes. As always Hadlee was immediately on line and trapped Arun Lal in his fifth over before Chatfield gained a strange decision from V. K. Ramaswamy, the umpire. The usually vociferous fielders hardly appealed against Siddhu yet Ramaswamy stuck up his finger and Greatbatch ran from the first slip to ensure the dismissal did not go down unnoticed.

Once Hadlee withdrew Vengsarkar and Srikkanth merrily added 100, the India captain hoisting Bracewell's first two balls for sixes and then surviving when Smith missed a simple stumping. When Vengsarkar again lost patience, Hadlee came back to dismiss Srikkanth in the gully for 94, including three huge sixes and 10 fours off 137 balls in 224 minutes.

Hadlee then enticed Kapil into going for a cut and dragging the onto his stumps. Although Shastri broke the stranglehold by taking 14 runs of a Bracewell over, Hadlee, with the shadows lengthening, was too good for Ayub and hit Rashid Patel on the left shoulder before short-leg caught Patel from another rising delivery.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings

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|---|---|
| T J Franklin st More b Ayub | 18 |
| *J G Wright c More b Shastri | 33 |
| A H Jones lbw b Kapil Dev | 3 |
| M J Greatbatch lbw b Shastri | 45 |
| K R Rutherford c Srikkanth b Hirwani | 6 |
| T E Blain c Kapil Dev b Shastri | 10 |
| R J Hadlee c Patel b Hirwani | 10 |
| †I D S Smith b Shastri | 13 |
| J G Bracewell c More b Shastri | 32 |
| D K Morrison not out | 27 |
| E J Chatfield b Kapil Dev | 0 |
| Extras (lb 5, nb 7) | 12 |
| Total | 236 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-43, 3-57, 4-83, 5-110, 6-121, 7-141, 8-158, 9-234.
BOWLING: Kapil Dev 15.3-4-48-2; Patel 4-0-14-0; Ayub 25-10-42-1; Hirwani 31-6-82-3; Shastri 18-1-45-4.

INDIA: First innings

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|---|---|
| K Srikkanth c Franklin b Hadlee | 94 |
| Arun Lal lbw b Hadlee | 9 |
| N S Sidhu lbw b Chatfield | 6 |
| *D B Vengsarkar c Blain b Bracewell | 25 |
| M Azharuddin c Greatbatch b Bracewell | 9 |
| R J Shastri b Chatfield | 32 |
| Kapil Dev b Hadlee | 7 |
| †K S More not out | 27 |
| A Ayub c Bracewell b Hadlee | 10 |
| R Patel c Rutherford b Hadlee | 0 |
| N Hirwani not out | 2 |
| Extras (lb-5 nb-6) | 11 |
| Total (for 9 wkts) | 232 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-34, 3-134, 4-150, 5-150, 6-172, 7-209, 8-224, 9-229.
BOWLING: Hadlee 20.5-4-48-5; Chatfield 18-6-41-2; Morrison 15.3-1-57-0; Bracewell 21-8-81-2.
Umpires: R B Gupta and V K Ramaswamy

# Phillips unbowed by West Indies attack

Melbourne (AFP) — Wayne Phillips, no relation to the former Australian Test wicketkeeper of the same name, made his debut for Victoria and showed the way with an unbeaten 68 as the state side battled to 246 for six on the first day of their four-day match against the West Indies at the Melbourne Cricket Ground yesterday.

Victoria got away to a good start, putting 104 runs on the board before losing their second wicket against a less-than-lethal West Indian attack.

Patterson, back in action for the first time since being injured in the first Test, failed to impress in his 15 overs, claiming just the wicket of opener Watts and giving away 53 runs which included a liberal dose of no-balls and wides.

Jones, needing a big score to earn a Test recall, stuck it out at the crease for just over two hours. But on 42, which included only three boundaries, he attempted an ambitious pull off spinner Harper and was caught by Benjamin at wide mid-on.

As five Victorian wickets fell for the addition of 123 runs it was left to Phillips to provide some stiffness in the middle order.

O'Donnell, the Victorian captain, provided some support before being run out on 33, while talented youngster Siddons managed only a disappointing nine runs.

Harper did best of the West Indian bowlers with three for 45 off 19 overs.

VICTORIA: First innings

| | |
|---|---|
| D F Whatmore c and b Harper | 31 |
| G Watts c Williams b Patterson | 15 |
| D M Jones c Benjamin b Harper | 42 |
| W Phillips not out | 68 |
| J D Siddons c Hooper b Harper | 9 |
| S P O'Donnell run out | 33 |
| A I C Dodemaide b Bishop | 2 |
| M G D Dimattina not out | 8 |
| Extras (6b 5lb 2w 25nb) | 38 |
| Total (for 6 wkts) | 246 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-104, 3-121, 4-137, 5-204, 6-227.
BOWLING: P Patterson 15-2-53-1, I Bishop 17-1-63-1, W Benjamin 15-1-50-0, R Harper 19-6-45-3, C Hooper 10-2-22-0, K Arthurton 2-1-2-0.

GOLF

# More than froth to Smyth's campaign

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Sydney

If Des Smyth wins the Australian Open, which finishes here on the Royal Sydney course tomorrow, it could significantly increase the sale of Guinness at the Laytown Bettystown Golf Club 30 miles outside of Dublin.

The members of this homely Irish club have not yet stopped celebrating since Smyth returned from Ireland's romantic victory in the Dunhill Cup last month. Smyth said: "They went absolutely beserk and I doubt that the celebrations have finished. I know my diary is full for when I return with cocktail parties and dinners. Winning the Dunhill Cup was the most exciting thing to happen to me in my career and I know most of Ireland feels that way too."

Indeed it also guaranteed Smyth global recognition. His jubilant reaction on the last green at St Andrews endeared him to Australians so that on his first trip to the country he has been warmly received.

Moreover Smyth emphasized his skill by compiling successive rounds of 68 for a halfway aggregate of 136, eight-under-par at which point only Wayne Grady, the Queenslander, and Mark Calcavecchia, of the United States, were ahead.

Smyth galvanized his challenge with a spectacular inward half of 31 during which he single putted seven times on greens which became so slick that even a usually simple tap-in required careful consideration.

There is still some confusion because of the "Y" as to how Smyth's name should be pronounced although he tends not to concern himself to much over that as long as it is correctly spelt on the cheques. Smyth has had cause to deliver them with increasing regularity to his local bank in the town of Drogheda because he has earned in excess of £250,000 so far this year.

He will be seeking to swell that figure in the World Cup of Golf at Royal Melbourne in a fortnight when he will be partnered in the Irish team by Ronan Rafferty, but for the moment he is keeping his attention firmly fixed on the Australian Open.

Rafferty, who along with Eamonn Darcy and Smyth formed the winning Irish team in the Dunhill Cup, lost the lead he had shared following the first round by taking a rather conservative 72 on a day when a gusting wind offered the course additional protection.

That enabled Grady to forge ahead with the assistance of a course record round of 65, in which he included six birdies and one eagle, for an 11-under-par score of 133 and a one stroke lead over Calcavecchia (67).

Calcavecchia, who was runner up to Sandy Lyle in the Masters at Augusta in April, is clearly a threat as is Mark McCumber, another American, who took 70 to share fourth with 138 alongside Rafferty.

Greg Norman flattered only to deceive, moving into the lead at one stage before faltering to finish with a 72, and Mark James compiled a similar score by gathering a birdie at three of the last four holes.

There was no fairytale ending for Nigel Mansell. He took 86 for a total of 163 and the Formula One motor racing driver will now be forced to rest before beginning the next season with Ferrari. "I had to use an ice pack on my left forearm because a doctor told me I had ruptured a muscle. He said: "I must go home and rest before starting my season with Ferrari."

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES (Aus unless stated): 133: W Grady, 68, 65. 134: M Calcavecchia (US), 67, 67. 136: D Smyth (Ire), 68, 68. 138: R Rafferty (NI), 68, 72; M McCumber (US), 68, 70. 139: A Gilligan, 70, 69; G Norman, 67, 72; D Graham, 69, 70; M James (GB), 67, 72. 140: I Stanley, 68, 72; P Senior, 68, 74; T Gale, 70, 70. 141: J Cook (US), 71, 70. 142: S Torrance (Den), 70, 72. 144: G Turner (NZ), 70, 74; G Brand jnr (GB), 71, 73; H Clark (GB), 72, 72; R McNamara (US), 73, 71. 145: G Foltz (US), 69, 76. 146: S Owen (NZ), 78, 70. 147: E Eglolf (US), 74, 73; F Nobilo (NZ), 73, 74. 148: K Collins (US), 73, 75; I Woosnam (GB), 75, 73. Other British scores missed cut: 149: A Stevens, 73, 76. 150: M Moulland, 77, 73. 163: N Mansell, 77, 86.

TOKYO: José-María Olazábal, of Spain, seeking a first win in Japan, shot three birdies on the front nine on the way to a second round 69 to share the halfway lead in the Kagoshima international tournament yesterday with Yoshitaka Yamamoto on 142, two-under-par (Reuter reports).

## Card of the course

| Hole | Yds | Par | Hole | Yds | Par |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 280 | 4 | 10 | 420 | 4 |
| 2 | 547 | 5 | 11 | 440 | 4 |
| 3 | 173 | 3 | 12 | 387 | 4 |
| 4 | 426 | 4 | 13 | 509 | 5 |
| 5 | 435 | 4 | 14 | 194 | 3 |
| 6 | 154 | 3 | 15 | 443 | 4 |
| 7 | 554 | 5 | 16 | 583 | 5 |
| 8 | 302 | 4 | 17 | 211 | 3 |
| 9 | 359 | 4 | 18 | 410 | 4 |
| Out | 3,230 | 36 | In | 3,577 | 36 |

Total yardage: 6,807 Par: 72

CYCLING

# Leyton course is a tough test

The London cyclo-cross championship tomorrow, on a new course at the Eastway road racing circuit, Leyton, is for the first time a pro-am international open event (Peter Bryan writes).

Competitors from France, Holland and Belgium, plus the home entry led by champion Steve Deace, will need all their descent skills and climbing strengths to master the switchback course designed by the former international, Ian Jewell.

The race will be of one hour, plus a further lap of the circuit, with Deace and the French professional, Patrice Thevenard, the likely pace setters.

Thevenard, ninth in the world championship, comes in as a late replacement for André Estevez, a Paris policeman whose duty roster was changed. Fred Salmon, winner of the London title at Crystal Palace last year, has returned from Germany to defend his crown.

YACHTING

# Rescuers close at hand

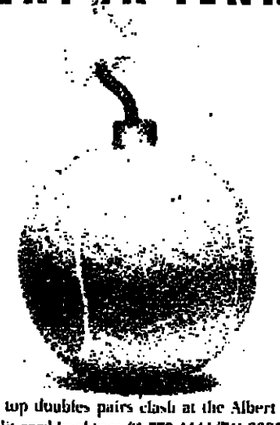
The crew of Steinlager I, the British designed trimaran disabled in the Tasman Sea, were expected to be rescued later today after lying hove-to since Wednesday, midway through a voyage from Sydney to Auckland.

The 60ft multihull, which carried Peter Blake and Mike Quilter to victory in the recent 7,600 mile round-Australia race, was returning home when a five metre forward section of the float suddenly broke off with a loud bang.

Quilter, who is on board, reported that the craft was in no immediate danger of sinking.

A large schooner set out from Auckland on Thursday on a rescue mission. Blake, monitoring the situation in Auckland, said: "The boys had the sail down at the time of the incident, sailing quietly in 25 knot headwinds on just the wing mast. It seems they must have hit something in the water."

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Louise Taylor reports on the growing appeal of netball

# England are optimistic of finding winning rhythm

The back of the official programme for England's match with New Zealand at Gateshead on Wednesday night was devoted to advertisements for independent girls schools in the region.

Such is the popular image of netball as a schoolgirl sport. Yet while swilling Coca-Cola, sporting Bros badges, and indulging in gossip about boys, teachers and homework undoubtedly constitute a common currency amongst netball crowds, the Enid Blyton tag can deflect attention from the athleticism, fitness, commitment and co-ordination of international netballers.

Basketball players are not subjected to the sort of exhortations issued over the tannoy at Gateshead, urging the audience to "look closely, this is what you should be practising at school."

While undoubtedly well intended, such utterances are hardly conducive to attracting the sort of cosmpolitan crowds the sport deserves. A game played by adults is surely entitled to a larger share of an adult audience and why, when basketball attracts so many women followers, do not more men turn up for netball?

Certainly the 12-strong England squad are a varied bunch who defy any glib stereotyping. Ranging in age from 19 to 32 they include the expected teachers and office workers but also number Joan Bryan, a diamond cutter by day and goal shooter on weekends and evenings, and Cynthia Duncan, an electrical engineering student.

Nevertheless, England's consistent degree of success in the sport – they are ranked fourth in the world – television coverage of last year's world championships in Glasgow and most important of all the adoption of a public relations company to increase public awareness of the game to coincide with the visit of Australia two years ago, has ensured that the game is enjoying better coverage and appealing to a wider audience than ever before.

Gateshead Leisure Centre was filled to a 1,600 capacity on Wednesday with all tickets sold out a month beforehand for the visit of the reigning world champions and close on 8,000 are expected at Wembley Arena this afternoon for the second leg of the three-match series which ends at Manchester's G-Mex centre on Monday night.

## Wembley an ideal venue to redress the balance

The sell-out audiences are remarkable, considering that England have only once beaten and twice drawn with New Zealand in 28 encounters. On Wednesday they once again succumbed. However, the 27-46 defeat contained some exhilarating netball and although England were comprehensively beaten, any successful attacks were greeted by the sort of rapturous applause usually reserved for footballers wearing the colours of Sunderland or Newcastle United.

Victory this afternoon would virtually guarantee the establishment of a new Wembley Arena decibel record level. A 35-44 defeat to the Australians two years ago produced a level of 103 – two points higher than the previous ear-splitting peak achieved by pop aficionados – so eardrums will be in acute danger if England find a winning rhythm.

That remains debatable but Betty Galsworthy, the England coach, remains optimistic. "There's a lot of needle between us and New Zealand we haven't beaten them since 1975 and we have got to do something about it," she said.

Wembley and Manchester would be ideal venues to redress the balance but the real target for her team, who have only been together since last December, is the World Games to be held in West Germany next year.

"These three matches are all part of the learning process, next year is when it really matters. We've still got a lot to learn but I was a little disappointed at the scoreline in Gateshead, which I felt didn't reflect the game because we had them worried in the third quarter before our accuracy went towards the end."

Lois Muir, her opposite number, is equally determined. "We will go out and play entertaining netball and we intend to win. We will treat England with respect but we feel secure in our No. 1 ranking."

At international level the pace is hectic, the mood surprisingly combative

Netball has come a long way since 1985, when the man responsible for introducing it to this country – an American by the name of Dr Toles – taught pupils to play at Dartmouth college, using wastepaper baskets as goals.



At full stretch: Kendra Lowe (left), of England, who has 46 caps, disputes possession

BASKETBALL

## Policy change may rule out a dual role for Titmuss

From Nicholas Harling
Prague

The defeat by Czechoslovakia which left England facing a certain exit from the European Championships has done nothing to temper the desire of David Titmuss to stay on as coach of the national team. But he may not get the chance.

The fact that next Wednesday's Group A tie against the Netherlands in Manchester's G-Mex Centre is now academic also has no bearing on Titmuss's future. It is not England's departure from the competition that will concern the English Basket Ball Association (EBBA) when it next meets to discuss the coaching job but his involvement with Hemel/Watford Royals.

With the qualifying round for the next European Championships taking place in the spring, there is no need for undue urgency on the part of the EBBA. That may work in favour of Titmuss. It will give him more time to convince the association that as England's most successful coach, he can carry on in charge of the national team as well as Hemel.

The main concern of the EBBA will be that with its change of job description, Titmuss may not be able to devote as much time as the association would like. From now on the coach will be expected to have a bigger say in policy making and to be involved in the greater co-ordination among the men's national teams from juniors and cadets upwards.


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# Shaver's notion threatens the tailgate tradition

THE WORLD OF SPORT

BOSTON

A picnic in the car park at Twickenham is as much a part of a day out at the rugby as the match itself. And to any American Football follower worth his salt beef that ritual would be instantly recognizable.

In the United States they even have a word for it – tailgating. You load the car with food and friends, arrive at the stadium hours before the kick-off, set up a barbecue and consume vast quantities of burgers and beer until, sadly for some, the time arrives to go in and actually watch the game.

Bostonian football supporters enjoy the ritual as much as any. In one way they enjoy it more, because to watch Boston's team – the New England Patriots – playing a home game, there is the added attraction of an hour's drive beforehand.

The Patriots do not play in Boston, they play 40 miles away to the south-west, in Foxboro, Massachussetts. By American standards, the Sullivan Stadium is a shabby affair, uncovered on three sides and and situated seemingly in the middle of nowhere. But the Patriots fans love it, and to prove the point they fill it to its 36,000 capacity at almost every game.

This season, however, the tailgating is under threat. The Patriots have a new owner – Victor Kiam, the man who liked the razor so much he bought the Remington company. Kiam has ambitious plans for the Patriots. Unfortunately for the supporters, one of them could be to move the team away from Foxboro – possibly as far as Florida or the mid-West.

Matters are complicated by the fact that although Kiam owns the team, he does not own the stadium – quite a common situation in American Football. He tried for both, but came up against a rival bid for the stadium from two Boston businessmen, Robert Kraft and Steve Karp (not surprisingly, the three protagonists in the saga are known as the Ku Klux Klan). This week a Boston court decided in favour of the Kraft/Karp bid.

Kraft and Karp are determined to keep the Patriots at the Sullivan Stadium and will be renovating it to make it a more attractive proposition to Kiam. But the rent is high and there are plenty of other cities which do not have a National Football League team. Kiam might just be able to provide them with one. The irony is that the Patriots are having a fine season, and are still hopeful of reaching the Superbowl.

One way and another Boston's sports stadiums are the centre of attention. The Boston Garden, the indoor arena which is home to the Boston Celtics basketball team and the Boston Bruins ice hockey team, is celebrating its sixtieth birthday this year, making it the oldest arena of its kind in the United States. Only Madison Square Garden in New York can match it for tradition.

The Celtics and the Bruins could be doing more to honour the Garden, however. The Celtics' record so far this season of five wins and six defeats would not normally be tolerated by a public which has come to expect success, but there is a simple explanation for their failures – the absence of Larry Bird. The most famous basketball player in the country, Bird has has had to give up the struggle with an Achilles tendon injury and undergo an operation. The Celtics will not have him back until January, and all Boston, not to mention Bird himself, is counting the days. The Bruins can offer little comfort to Boston's sporting pride, which is in any case still smarting from the Red Sox' defeat last month in the play-offs for baseball's World Series.

Sportsmen play for high stakes here. In a sports-mad country, Bostonians are sports-madder than most. Few cities can claim Boston's strength in depth in all four of the top American team games – American Football, baseball, basketball and ice hockey. It is a rich and, for the moment, slightly unbalanced diet.

Simon O'Hagan

ICE SKATING

## Dancers lead the way at Birmingham event

By John Hennessy

British ice-skating embarks on an unusual exercise over the next few days at the NEC Birmingham. Ordinarily there are two entirely separate championships at two different arenas, one for the figure skaters and another for the ice dancers. Now they join forces, the dancers leading the way in hall five today and the figure skaters following from Monday to Wednesday.

This desirable marriage of convenience has been brought about by the award of the European championships to the NEC in January. The Skate Electric British championships represent a first run over the target, and, with luck, will establish a firm commitment for the future. The compulsory figures have been reduced in number from three to two and in value from 30 per cent to 20 per cent of the total marks. That might make a significance difference in the international events which follow in the new year but not perhaps over the next few days.

For the moment, then, the ice dancers command the stage, with a healthy entry of 10 couples. Quantity, alas, may prevail over quality and by tonight we may still be yearning for somebody to offer a worthwhile challenge to the Altrincham skaters, Sharon Jones and Paul Askham, winner for the last three years.

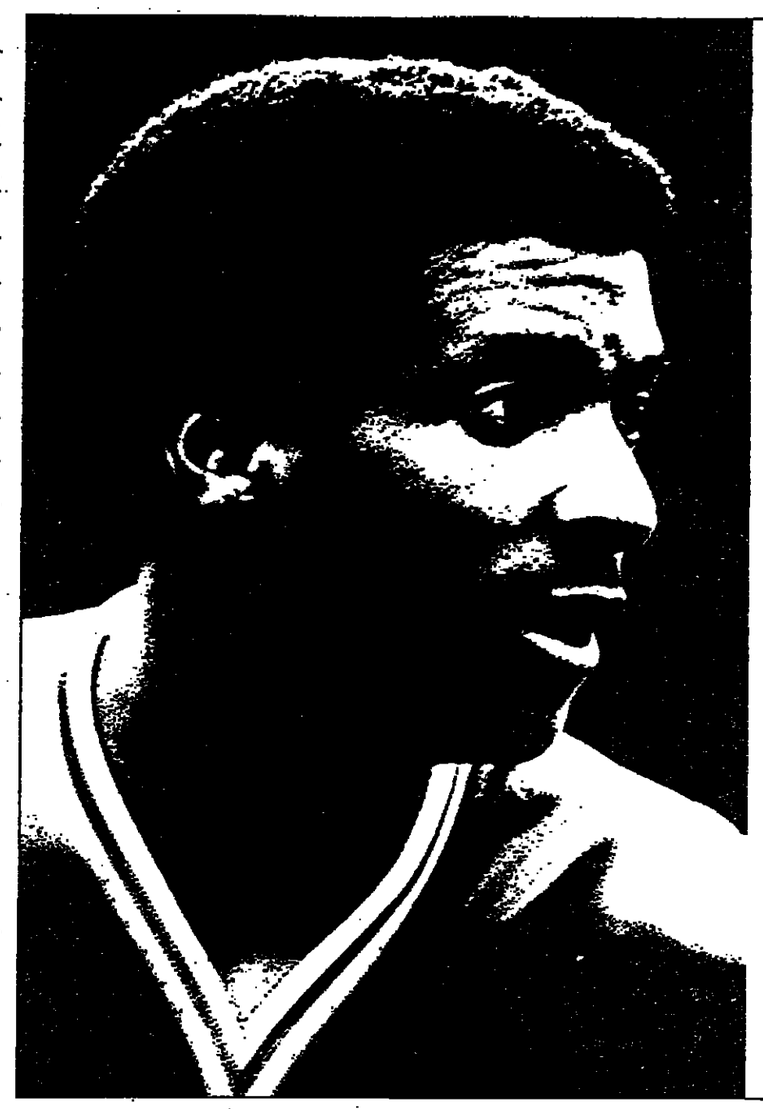
For other couples there is, at least, the incentive of a place in the European team.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME: 09.30, compulsory dances; 13.05, original set pattern; 14.30, free dance.

## SPORTS BOOK OF THE WEEK

# English black, English white

**Viv Anderson** became the first black footballer to play for England a decade ago this weekend. **Andrew Longmore** finds out what it meant to him and what life was like under Brian Clough



Viv Anderson: a model of Anglo-Saxon consistency that defies stereotyping



Brian Clough: a model of managerial unorthodoxy to keep players on edge

I remember one morning at training. Clough comes along and says: 'Right, tracksuit bottoms off, run in and out of there,' pointing to a field of nettles. We were stung to high heaven but we all went.

If his colour has ever been a source of torment, self-consciousness or pride in his life, Anderson has forgotten about it. An early lack of confidence at Nottingham Forest might have been due to the colour of his skin — Peter Shilton remembered him being slightly self-conscious about it — but equally it could have been due to a thousand and one other things: innate shyness, fear of Brian Clough, of the senior players, of being a professional footballer, or just a lack of belief in his own ability.

Anderson has stored away isolated incidents of racial awareness from his youth: a fight in the school playground, his first taste of racial abuse on the pitch during a reserve team game at Stoke City, a mumbled compliment from another black player early in his career, warming-up as substitute with his back resolutely set against the terrace taunts of the Carlisle United supporters, a television programme heralding the arrival of the black revolution before his international debut.

The dossier hardly points to a career fashioned by racial tension and driven by a desire to make a statement for the oppressed coloured community. "If you're a black civil rights leader in Brixton, don't come to me. If I became involved in that it would be a false image of me. It wouldn't be the real me and I can't make myself something I'm not. I don't see any distinction between English black and English white.

"In Toxteth, Brixton or Tottenham they probably have grievances, but I've been lucky. My parents have always looked after me and my brother. But there is nothing false about me and it would be wrong for me to preach about this, that or the other when I've had no experience of it. Garth Crooks or John Fashanu are into that, but I'm not and I don't feel guilty about it. I know my limitations.

"Peter Taylor said I was the ideal leader of a black revolution in football when I made my debut for England. I never understood that. What am I an example of? Being able to kick a ball better than a lot of other people for 90 minutes on a Saturday afternoon; that's the limit of my example to people. The only reason I want to do better is for myself, not because I'm black or because people on the terraces are giving me stick. I want to become a better player and I don't consider my attitude a sell-out to my race. I am a footballer doing a job, so I want to do well for myself, my family, my manager and my team. That's all."

The problem with that is, like it or not, a footballer does have influence quite outside his recognition. You only have to look at any under-nines match on a Saturday morning to see that. John Barnes would appreciate it too. He remembers watching Anderson play for Forest on the television in Jamaica and as the first black player to make an impact on the traditionally white world of the Kop he can speak with some experience.

"It's not just a question of middle-class whites making a big thing out of it. It was a big achievement and should be recognized as such. When Viv made his England debut I was back in Jamaica and, at the age of just 15, I hadn't even thought of playing professional football, but for a 17-year-old coloured kid over here it must have been very important because it showed that it could be done. What is strange in Liverpool is that none of the black people in Toxeth have any interest in football at all. The black population is quite big — but Merseyside never had any black players so they don't identify with the game, whereas in London it's different. So when there was the banana-throwing incident in the match against Everton, people up here were astounded. But I had that in my first game for Watford against Chelsea so I was used to it."

From Stockholm to Upton Park, Carlisle to Parkhead, Anderson has had to put up with racial taunts from the terraces. Generally, he ignores them, sometimes he has played up to them (when the notorious 'jungle' at Celtic jeered him at a UEFA Cup match, he took a bow), but never has he let them affect his play. Clough made sure of that early on. "It's just the same as someone who's bald or got red hair. Terry Hennessy used to be slaughtered at Forest because he was bald. He couldn't do anything about that, just as I can't do anything about the colour of my skin.

"It's something I've grown up with, so it's never been a big issue. Having said that, I never found the racial prejudice that bad. I suppose if I had been playing for a London club at the time I made my international debut, it would have been a bigger deal, but coming from Nottingham made it easier for me."

What upsets Barnes and Anderson far more than a handful of ignoramuses gaining amusement from hurling bananas and abuse is the stereotyped picture of the black footballer as a fast, instinctive and inconsistent forward. It is Anderson's great strength and perhaps his greatest legacy to the cause of black football that he fits only half that picture. He is fast and instinctive but he plays full back, supposedly a position of responsibility and intelligence, and he happens to play with a devilish Anglo-Saxon consistency.

"Black players have been accused of inconsistency," he said, "and players like Laurie Cunningham and Cyrille Regis have epitomized that. Perhaps that's why neither of them really came through to establish themselves at international level. But there have been countless white players who have faded away or taken a long time to establish themselves, for the same reason. Peter Barnes, for one, Glenn Hoddle for another, and Colin Todd. He was the best defender I ever saw and he won less than 30 caps.

"It was easier for me being a full back: I was unique in that respect, other black players were forwards. All I was expected to do was kick a few people and go on the odd overlap and people would think I was wonderful. It's more difficult for a forward to be consistent.

"You look around now at players like David Rocastle, Paul Davis, Franz Carr, Des Walker and Chris Fairclough, and if they haven't become internationals in a few years time, then you have to say that there's something wrong somewhere."

Anderson continues: "There are so many more black players to choose from now — Regis, Cunningham and me were about the only ones around at the time. I can't believe that prejudice ever came into selection at any point in my career. Football is not like that. If you're good enough, you'll play."

The truth is that Anderson fits the stereotype of the black footballer neither on nor off the field. His relationship with his parents is firm and respectful. He has always accepted authority, be it parental or managerial, and far from having a Rastafarian notion of "let it be", he has inherited from somewhere a strong sense of the Protestant work ethic, which comes out on the football field as a rigid streak of professionalism. He sees his face in the mirror every morning without being aware of its colour, and professes views of self-help and individual enterprise straight from the Mrs Thatcher's book of Conservative capitalism.

There is no notion of the hungry fighter in Anderson's background and it is to his eternal credit that he does not pretend that there is. Only in two ways does he conform to type: first, he did not do very well academically at school because he was far too interested in sport; and second, he loves soul and blues music. Small consolations for the sociologist.

"I've never felt that I have had to strive that much harder because of the colour of my skin. I try to do a job to the best of my ability and if good things come from that, then it's a bonus. I want to strive for better things and the only way I can do that is to play well every Saturday. I won't get them by being mediocre."

Don Howe, who brought Anderson to Arsenal, says: "The younger players all looked up to Viv, particularly the black kids like David Rocastle, Paul Davis and Micky Thomas. They don't know how lucky they were to have Viv there in their early days: first because he had time for the kids and second because he was a great mixer. They liked him and they learned from him and they could also say: "Well, if he can do it, I can do it too."

"What was it like to play for Clough?" is still the question he is asked most, which bearing in mind he left Forest in 1984 is a tribute to the staying power of the Clough legend. Anderson's answer is well rehearsed: "He's a top-class manager and I have enormous respect for him, but he's not someone I'd go drinking with.

"You can't compare Clough with any other manager. It's not fair to try. I remember one morning at training, it was a really cold day and we all had tracksuit bottoms on. Clough comes along and says: 'Right, tracksuit bottoms off, run in and out of there,' pointing to a field of nettles next to the training ground."

A conscious enhancing of the legend? All part of maintaining his dominance? A power craze or inspired leadership? No one — not even John McGovern, who was with Clough throughout his long career — can tell you what drives Clough. Perhaps he was just in a bad mood that day. "We were stung to high heaven, but we all went — Shilton, Burns, Lloyd, Francis. So I wasn't going to argue. In fact, we all had to go through again. It was the law of the playground, but it worked because nobody argued back. Even now, 10 years on, I'd probably do the same.

"Clough's whole philosophy is geared to winning, his methods, his discipline, even his bonuses. For example, he'd say: 'How many points won the League last year?' and the answer, say, was 60. He'd say: 'Well, you don't get any bonuses until you've got over 50 points,' and then he'd give us something silly like £1,000 a point. That was before the 1978-79 season and we did quite well out of it because we reached 60 points. But I was with him nearly 10 years at Forest, and I still hadn't any idea what he was going to do next or what sort of a person he really is by the time I left."

Abuse, collective and personal, was very much the order of the day in the Forest dressing-room at that time. Anderson, as one of the younger players still learning his trade, came in for more than most. "I used to get slaughtered every week and that was right because I probably made more mistakes than some of the others. I was still learning the game, but, whatever he said, I used to be in the team every week and that was all that mattered. Some managers would not dare upset some of the older players, but Clough (Anderson never calls him by his first name) would go for the jugular, if he felt it was justified, whoever it was.

"He would have a go at John Robertson for being a tramp, for being overweight, but he and Peter Taylor turned him into the best winger in the country. He used to call Larry Lloyd "big head". Now Larry's about 7ft 6in and Clough's only about 5ft 10in. It wouldn't bother him. It's a very thin dividing line between an insult and a joke. But he was the boss and that was it. Everyone was tarred with the same brush.

"It was not that players didn't argue. Lloyd always wanted to speak up. But Clough always had to have the last word. You'd never get the better of him; he has a very sharp tongue — some of the things he said to Justin Fashanu when he came were very spiteful — and he would have to be right. So after a while nobody bothered arguing because we knew we would get home earlier if we didn't."

If Clough deliberately cultivated this air of unpredictability, it worked. As John Rowlinson and John Motson remarked in their book on the European Cup, Clough could be "polite and considerate one minute, brusque and obnoxious the next. This penchant for keeping those around him guessing was one reason why his players were always nicely on edge, never like to give anything below their best."

Having been beaten, the players would come into the dressing-room fearing the worst and be given three days off, backed up by a fine if any of them were seen inside the ground before the allocated time. After a good win, when they were all feeling pleased with themselves, they would be mercilessly torn apart. Criticism was common currency, praise a rare, and therefore much sought-after, commodity.

The key to the Clough philosophy, in Anderson's view, is those precious 90 minutes on a Saturday afternoon. For Clough and for all his players, that was the time that you earned your money, you earned your respect and you earned your points. Everything — discipline, training, mental preparation, running through nettles, relaxation, the unpredictability — was geared to getting the best out of 11 individuals for a tiny percentage of the week. But the difference between Clough and about 90 per cent of managers is that he regarded that as a mental test, not a physical one. He was never very interested in training.

Sammy Chung, the Wolverhampton Wanderers coach, once boasted that he could make the fittest member of the Forest side physically sick within three minutes. "When they give points for that, I'll give you a call," Clough replied. After the players had reached a certain level of fitness, training was to keep them interested and relaxed during the week. Nothing more. Forest never worked on set pieces, never spent their time planning how to counteract other teams' set-piece play. They went for walks by the Trent, often took themselves for training and enjoyed more days off than any players in the league.

Ian Bowyer recalls: "We had a team meeting on a Friday — when Clough would often keep us all waiting because he was playing squash — and we would perhaps talk for a maximum of two minutes, usually about a goal we had conceded. Clough would then say: 'You, do this; you, dozy bugger, do that; and you, stay there.' End of problem. We never discussed the way the other team might play, who they had in the side or anything like that. He might say to John Robertson: 'I want you to play a little deeper this week,' but that would be all. We wouldn't bother about tactics because we felt we could beat anyone and that they should be worrying about us," Bowyer said. "It was just a case of going out and playing."

Clough was far more worried about the mental state of his players and he would adopt what must have seemed to outsiders some ludicrously unprofessional methods to keep his players relaxed before a big game. On one occasion, Forest were due to play the second leg of a UEFA Cup match against Celtic. The first match had ended 0-0 and Celtic were expected to win handsomely in front of their passionate supporters at Parkhead. As the Forest team were being taken from the airport to the hotel, Clough ordered the bus to stop outside the pub owned by David Hay, the Celtic manager. The team had a few drinks, Clough charged the bill to Hay, and then left.

The following day they trained very lightly for half an hour, played in the evening, won 2-1 and went home. Even before cup finals Clough was not averse to getting players out of bed late in the evening and forcing them down to the bar.

Not surprisingly perhaps, the idiosyncratic ways of Clough drive other coaches to distraction. They cut right across traditional coaching methods, yet they produce results, extraordinary results. "So who is to say they aren't the right methods?" asks Howe, one of the most respected coaches in the game. "My way of doing things is to work and work and work. If we have been beaten, I will work them harder. Clough would probably just give them a little five-a-side and then send them home. But if on the Saturday his team beats my team, which one is right?"

Anderson added: "With Clough, you never knew you were going to be in the team. I remember once that he had put the team sheet up with my name on it. At the ground, I got changed into my kit and was just preparing to play when Clough said 'you, you're not playing,' and I didn't play. You never knew you were going to play until you went out onto the field. I think it might have changed a bit now because he has less scope for making changes.

"At Arsenal, perhaps too many knew they were going to be in the team. Take Alan Smith, for example. They have to justify paying £800,000 for him, so they keep playing him. With Clough, he would recognize he had made a mistake and that would be it."

For Anderson's own development, the important thing about Clough's discipline was that it went far beyond the outer image of short back-and-sides and team blazer. Forest players were expected to be disciplined all through. There was no room for shirking and there was no room for sensitivity, not even about the colour of your skin, as Anderson found out fairly early.

"I was substitute at Carlisle and Clough told me to warm up, so I did the usual thing, running up and down the touchline. When I got back into the dug-out, Clough asked me why I had done all my exercises with my back to the crowd. I told him that they had been giving me some stick, so he told me to go back out there and face them. 'Go and call him a white bastard, then kick him back,' was Clough's response to racial taunts on the field."

## Anderson assesses men of visionary talents

**ON GEORGE GRAHAM:** In Graham's first full season at Highbury, 1986-87 and also the last of Anderson's three-year contract, it momentarily looked as if Arsenal would finally fulfil expectations and win the League. With a side built on the youth of David Rocastle, Tony Adams, Niall Quinn, Martin Hayes and Perry Groves, they put together a run of 17 League matches without defeat, including 13 victories.

From the middle of November to the end of January, they were top of the league. As ever, their success was based on a rigid defensive technique that from the beginning of September to the end of January conceded seven goals in 19 League games. It was defence *à la* Forest, a stifling blanket designed to snuff out any signs of a fire in the opposition's midfield. Surprisingly, it was constructed by a man whose delicate skills as a player were always dedicated to undoing such rigidity.

"Graham spent a lot of time on organizing the defence and it paid off. To begin with, I used to argue with him a lot about the way he wanted us to play," Anderson said. At Forest, Anderson had always guided his winger down the line, encouraging him to run away from goal, safe in the knowledge that his pace and his long legs would prevent the winger providing a decent cross.

Graham did not like to take that chance. He wanted —ordered would be a better word — his full backs to guide the winger back into the rock of players to suffocate the move at birth. The system was designed to stop the opposing players from reaching the by-line and pulling back a cross.

"At Forest, we played more in a line in the back four, and if we played offside then the full backs played them because they could see all the way along the line. At United we defend much further back than at Arsenal anyway, and we very rarely play offside. At Arsenal, the full backs played in front of the two centre halves and the golden rule was that if our midfield was putting pressure on the ball player, we pushed out because there was not a lot he could do. If he was not under pressure and had plenty of time, then you stayed in position otherwise you became very vulnerable.

"The ball could be put behind you, but nine times out of 10, if you put pressure on the ball then you could catch them offside. It was risky but if you practised, it worked well," Anderson explained. It might not have been pretty, but it was mighty effective.

**ON GLENN HODDLE:** "Glenn is one of the most gifted footballers we have ever produced in this country. If he had been playing for any other country, he would have had 100 caps easily by now. Yet we are suspicious of him. People say he is inconsistent for England, doesn't get himself involved enough, but I would have him in the team every time because of the service he can give to front-runners like Gary Lineker.

"He can put the ball exactly where he wants it from almost any distance, and that is a skill given to few footballers, believe me. I would play him just behind the front-runners where you need a bit of craft.

"Even hardened pros are amazed at his ability. In shooting practice, for example, inside of the foot, outside of the foot, left foot, right foot, he can hit them from anywhere. Sometimes, I can't believe some of the things he can do with a football; it's breath-taking. He has a reputation for being lazy, but I've never seen it. When he's played right midfield in internationals, he's always worked hard for me. The image he gives on the field is a bit arrogant and flashy, but he's not like that at all. He's quiet, sociable and very much the family man."

**ON GARRY BIRTLES:** "When he went to Manchester United, he was the best centre-forward in the country by far. He could do everything — hold the ball up, turn and run at defenders, score goals. Peter Withe was very good for us, good in the air and better than people thought on the ground, John O'Hare was great to play with because he could hold the ball all night so that you had time to get forward, but Birtles was the best centre-forward I have seen. A fabulous, fabulous footballer." Anderson is rarely so fulsome in his praise. Birtles must have been good.

**ON CHARLIE NICHOLAS:** "Charlie had tremendous ability, but he would be the first to admit he has never produced it consistently, for whatever reason — pressure, lifestyle. He admits now he should never have done all the modelling photos he did when he first arrived at the club. That gave him a "Champagne Charlie" image which stayed with him and was often give as the reason why he did not perform consistently.

"We used to talk about his game a bit, but he's such a nice lad that if I'd have known what was wrong I would have told him. Perhaps it was the combination of being at a club that was too big for him, or the system we played. He always moaned we didn't play the ball to his feet, that he was always having to chase it, which wasn't his game. He'll do really well at Aberdeen if he finds that little bit of consistency," Anderson said.

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# Assultan coup shows need for spurs probe

By Christopher Goulding

The use of the whip has become one of racing's most contentious issues, but what of the use of spurs? It is not illegal for a jockey to wear them, but at Ascot last weekend an incident highlighted the fact that they should be subject to closer scrutiny by the authorities and, indeed, brought to public attention before a race in the same way that blinkers are.

When Assultan, trained by Barney Curley, the flamboyant professional punter from Newmarket, won the two-mile Snow Hill Handicap Hurdle, backed down from 3-1 to 2-1 favourite, few, if any racegoers realized that his jockey, Declan Murphy, had partnered him to victory wearing spurs, as the photograph (right) shows. It was a profitable performance as far as the Curley camp was concerned, with £200,000 reputedly taken out of the ring.

Assultan was known to be a reluctant individual, having refused to race on his final start over hurdles last season and dug his heels in on two previous occasions on the Flat.

The horse bolted on the way to the start andDon Cantilon, the colt's owner, sprinted down the course to assist Murphy, who was having trouble with the saddle which had slipped up his mount's neck. He was eventually anchored three furlongs past the start.

Murphy, who won as he pleased on Assultan, removed the spurs before the horse had returned to the winner's enclosure and, when questioned whether he used spurs, replied "No," as did Assultan's owner, Don Cantillon. When Curley was asked if spurs had been used, he answered: "I wouldn't have thought so."

Neither Curley nor Murphy were breaking racing rules by wearing spurs — they are banned only in races confined to apprentice and conditional jockeys. There are also restrictions on the type of spurs used — for example sharp spurs, or those fitted with rowels or angled upwards or inwards. Why the secrecy?

Where Murphy might have been infringing a rule was in removing the spurs before he had weighed in. David Pipe, of the Jockey Club, said: "If a jockey is to be seen wearing spurs he must weigh out with them and he has to weigh in with them on."

It seems only fair, too, that if a horse stands to improve with the encouragement of spurs, just as it does with the aid of blinkers, then these should be declared in advance.

Murphy, who was banned for four months last year because the stewards considered he had misled the racecourse doctor about his fitness when he could not give his mount his full assistance, visits the Jockey Club disciplinary committee shortly for the second time this year over his use of the whip.



Assultan wins the Snow Hill Handicap at Ascot last Saturday with Declan Murphy wearing spurs (circled)

# Scudamore sets his sights on festive century

By Alan Lee

Peter Scudamore is now confronting the extraordinary possibility of 100 winners before Christmas after another big-race double at Newbury yesterday took his score to seven in three days and 83 for the season.

Scudamore, currently enjoying that rare type of run which breeds its own good fortune, was constantly in control on both his odds-on shots.

Pharoah's Laen comfortably took the Oxfordshire Novices' Chase before Barnbrook Again exerted his undoubted class to win the Arlington Premier Series Qualifier despite some unimpressive jumping.

It was only through the head injuries sustained on Thursday by Simon Sherwood that Scudamore picked up the ride on Barnbrook Again, who he had ridden once last season.

This sort of luck is falling his way frequently at the moment but Scudamore is not naive enough to be fooled nor even to contemplate relaxing. "This time last year it was me who was injured and other jockeys were riding my winners," he pointed out. "You have to make the most of your luck while you can."

Trainer David Elsworth was not exactly bubbling over Barnbrook Again's workmanlike five lengths success. "He jumped adequately," he said. "He wasn't doing much in front." But his jockey, who had dictated the race at no great speed, was more enthusiastic.

"He made two mistakes but I thought he did it well. I was quite happy that he idled in front and I knew if I landed in the lead over the last I would win."

Sure enough, Scudamore and his mount touched down a length to the good and stretched away on the flat to douse the persistent challenge of Loddon Lad.

Elsworth is not inclined to test his chaser over further than yesterday's 2½ miles and confirms that his long-term target will be the Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham.

Loddon Lad, who deserves a decent prize after running well in good company so often, will be at Headquarters next month for the A F Budge Gold Cup.

Pharoah's Laen, owned by the show jumping Johnsey family, was not extended to beat On Reflection by seven lengths and trainer Martin Pipe enthused: "He jumped very well. 'Scu' had been on at me for ages about how good he could be over fences and I hope he will prove good enough to go for the Sun Alliance Chase."

Scudamore, who will ride Pipe's Strands Of Gold in today's Hennessy at the minimum 10 stone, added: "He can still be a bit clumsy when he meets a fence wrong but he has so much scope and could be very good indeed."

News of other stars from the Pipe stable is that Bonanza Boy, taken out of the Hennessy yesterday, will now run in less exalted company at Newton Abbott on Tuesday, while the Champion Hurdle prospect Chatam could now go for the Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham in a fortnight.

Tim Forster landed the Jacky Upton Handicap Chase with Clara Mountain and was keen to stress the horse's courage. "Last year, I noticed he had a squiggle in *Timeform*. I can tell you that nothing could be braver than this horse."

Viking Venture, a cheap purchase by David Wilson at the Newmarket Sales, upset the favourite, Look Lively, in division one of the three-year-old hurdle. But the more striking performance, from what could be seen through the fast falling fog, came in the second division, when Guy Harwood's Santella Bobkes stormed home by 15 lengths.

The stewards had little option but to abandon racing after the fifth event as visibility dropped alarmingly, raising concern for today's glittering card, sure to attract its usual huge crowd.

# The Walwyn legend lives happily on

With Ten Plus being kept in reserve for next year's Cheltenham Gold Cup, Fulke Walwyn for once has no runner in this afternoon's Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup.

However, "Mr Hennessy's" tip for the great race is the French chaser, Nupsala. "He's a pretty good sort of horse," said the gravelly voice with authority.

To suggest that Walwyn is a living legend is an understatement. The 78-year-old member of the famous Welsh racing family has ridden and trained winners during the reign of four monarchs.

Fifty-two years ago he rode Reynoldstown to victory in the Grand National. He saddled Mandarin to win the first running of the Hennessy in 1957. And the spring-heeled Diamond Edge gave the trainer his seventh victory in the race in 1981. Now, in his 49th year with a licence, he has another live Gold Cup contender in Ten Plus.

"The Hennessy is always a tough affair and Ten Plus would have had a hard race," he says. "After last year, I want to give him only three or four easy races before Cheltenham. Ten Plus put up a good show at Wincanton and I hope he'll stick to that. He's certainly got the ability to be a very good horse."

The sound of trotting horses echoed sharply in the bright sunlight on a frosty morning visit to Saxon House in Upper Lambourn this week.

In the trainer's comfortable study-cum-den, a crowded half-century of steeplechasing history stares down from the wall. Pride of place goes to a photograph of The Dikler, standing in the yard with Ron Barry in the saddle, shortly after producing that exhilarating sprint to catch Pendil close home in the 1973 Gold Cup.

Above it, the then John Lawrence brings Taxidermist home ahead of Mandarin in the 1958 Hennessy.

On the left are Fred Winter and Mandarin, both with their heads down and eyes closed, exhausted after that epic win in the Grand Steeplechase de Paris when the pair survived 3½ miles without any means of steering after the rubber bridle had broken.

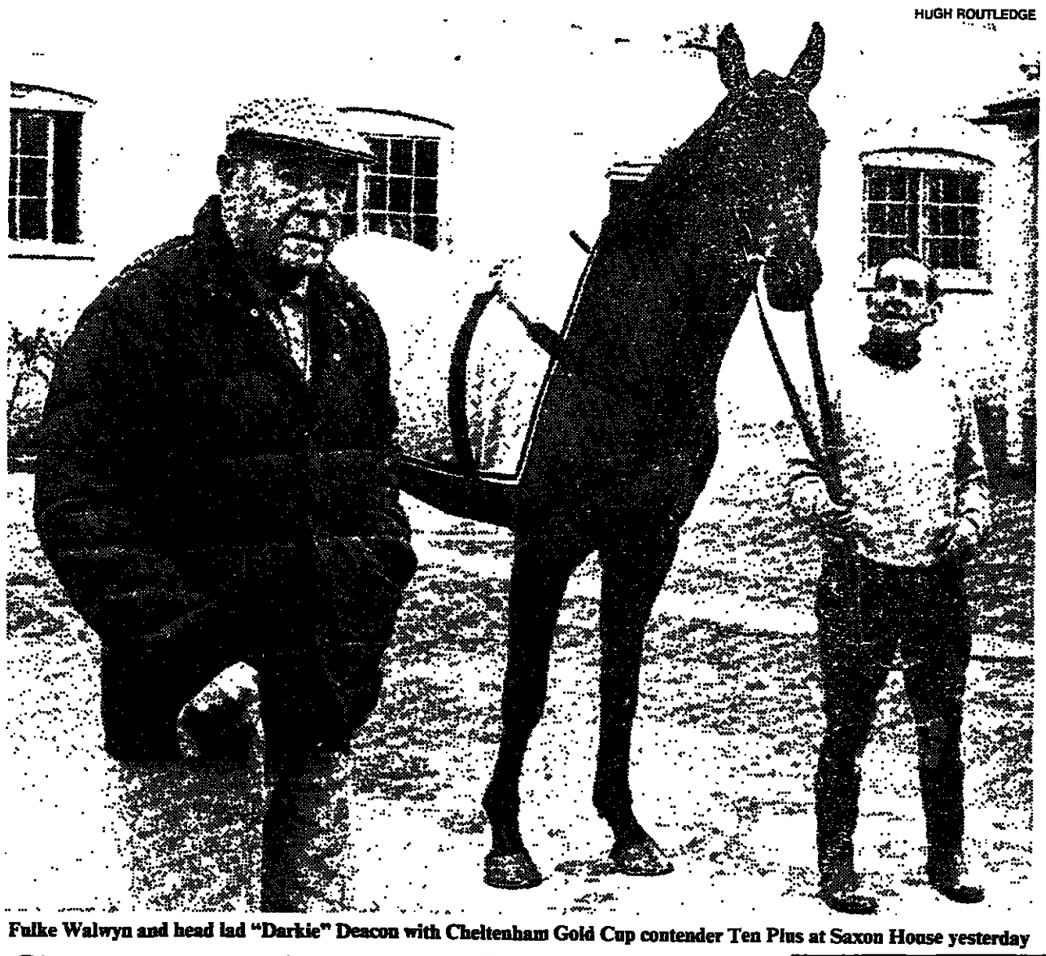
Underneath is a picture of Mill House and Willie Robinson soaring over the last fence at Cheltenham en route to victory in the 1963 Gold Cup.

The span of Walwyn's experience of great men and horses is almost awesome. He even rode Golden Miller, the winner of five Gold Cups and a Grand National between 1932 and 1936. However, opening the door of grudging memory is not an easy process. "I won a couple of races on him, one at Lingfield, when he was trained by Owen Anthony. I was going to ride him in the National as well, but I was hurt in a fall."

Then, through the mists of time, he once again rode Reynoldstown into the second last fence at Aintree in 1936 alongside Anthony Mildmay on Davy Jones.

"His reins broke and I had to check Reynoldstown to avoid him. I saw the reins on the ground and Anthony trying in vain to stop him running out. We went on to win by 12 lengths."

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Fulke Walwyn and head lad "Darkie" Deacon with Cheltenham Gold Cup contender Ten Plus at Saxon House yesterday

The son of a master of the Monmouthshire Foxhounds, also named Fulke, Walwyn was first a serving officer in the 9th Lancers. He rode both as an amateur and a professional, but a fall at Ludlow in 1938 ended his career as a jockey. He still has a steel plate in his head and in his arm to remind him of the scars of battle.

Times must have been hard when he started training with only three horses in 1939. Bruce Hobbs rode the first of over 2,000 winners for the new trainer at Buckfastleigh and remembers that his father, Reg, paid £50 for a half share in the horse just to get his son the ride. An equivalent proportion of the prize-money was not forthcoming afterwards.

There was little time for steeplechasing during the war, when, due to his injuries, Walwyn served his time with the Military Police, first at Tidworth and then in France.

In 1945 he moved to Saxon House and bought the yard four years later. The unlikely catalyst, which transformed Walwyn's fortunes, was the arrival on the scene of Dorothy Paget.

The eccentric millionairess daughter of Lord Queenborough changed her trainers far more frequently than her usual outfit of a long grey dress and blue felt hat. But she stayed with Walwyn for eight years, during which time he won his first Gold Cup with Mont Tremblant and, on the Flat, a Doncaster Cup and a Queen Alexandra Stakes with Aldborough.

The list of Walwyn-trained champions is almost endless. Besides his four Gold Cups and seven Hennessys, he has won seven Whitbread Gold Cups. He has also collected a Grand National, two Champion Hurdles and five King Georges. He has been champion trainer five times.

The description "tough" is the ultimate accolade that the hardy survivor of a golden age can award to a man or horse. And thus he describes Mandarin, the sparely-made French-bred chaser with the heart of a lion, who was transformed from an indifferent jumper of hurdles into the hero of a Gold Cup, two Whitbreads, two King Georges and the Grand Steeplechase de Paris.

The memory of Mill House's defeat by Arkle in the 1964 Gold Cup still hurts. "We couldn't believe it," Kath Walwyn, the trainer's wife, said. "I was nearly trampled underfoot in the Irish rush to the unsaddling enclosure. It was just bad luck that they were around at the same time."

In the early part of this decade the stories of Diamond Edge and Special Cargo epitomized Walwyn's patient training skills. In 1984 both horses had been absent from the track for most of the previous two years, but they came storming up the Sandown hill like hungry tigers.

Diamond Edge, attempting to win his third Whitbread at the age of 13, finished third, two short heads behind his stable companion, owned by the Queen Mother.

Special Cargo apart, Tammuz and Game Spirit have been other outstanding horses trained by Walwyn for the first lady of National Hunt racing.

The trainer has always enjoyed a tilt at the ring. The word generally gets around when Saxon House has a rod in pickle and Walwyn's infectious confidence is usually justified.

An inner exuberance and zest for living have been the qualities that have kept Walwyn in the firing line at an age when lesser men have called it a day. But, despite his strictly professional attitude to business, Walwyn is a Corinthian at heart and a product of an era when men played as hard as they worked.

Walwyn's love of a party is as legendary as the man himself. I enjoyed his guarded description of the celebrations after Mandarin's Paris victory. "It started in the Ritz bar," he said, and, after a lengthy pause: "And then it went on all night."

Thankfully, Walwyn has no thought of imminent retirement. "I've got the house and the yard and it's all I know," he said.

"It's all been tremendous fun. And if I had my life over again, I wouldn't have it any other way."

**Michael Seely**

## Sherwood's Sandown aim

**Simon Sherwood is aiming to be back in action next Saturday to partner Desert Orchid in the Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown Park.**

**Sherwood, who missed the winning ride on Barnbrook Again at Newbury yesterday, was concussed when he got a kick in the face from odds-on chance Patrico in a fall at Wincanton on Thursday. The jockey was taken to Yeovil Hospital and allowed home Thursday night.**

**He said yesterday: "I suffered quite severe concussion and was out for 10 minutes. I've got bruising on the back of my leg and rump, but nothing is broken. I have been signed off for the statutory week but hope to be back in the saddle by the end of next week."**

## Yesterday's results

### Newbury

Going: good

1.0 (2m 100yd hdle) 1. VIKING VENTURE (T Morgan, 11-2); 2. Look Lively (R Dunwoody, 7-4 fav); 3. Occamist (R Arnott, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Take No Notice (f), 6 Torkabar (4th), 14 Cathos, 16 Stride Home (pu), 20 Coworth Park (5th), Lypheoric (6th), Marchman, 25 Freemantle, 33 Classical Quartet (pu), Failsafe (pu), Bedford Lass (pu). 14 ran. 7l, 1l, 2½l, 20l, 8l. D Wilson at Epsom. Tote: £6.30; £1.50, £1.40, £2.40. DF: £3.60. CSF: £16.37.

1.30 (3m ch) 1. PHAROAH'S LAEN (P Scudamore, 6-15 fav; Michael Seely's nap); 2. On Reflection (M Lynch, 7-1); 3. Compton Park (S Smith Eccles, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 8 My Stowey (f), 9 Chief Buckaneer (f), 16 Pardour (4th), 6 ran. 7l, 4l, dist. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £3.80. DF: £6.90. CSF: £4.77.

2.0 (2m 4f ch) 1. BARNBROOK AGAIN (P Scudamore, 1-3 fav); 2. Loddon Lad (R Dunwoody, 4-1); 3. Corn Merchant (J Frost, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Golden Freeze (pu), 33 Molojec (4th), 5l, 20l, 2l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £1.40. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.05.

2.30 (2m 4f ch) 1. CLARA MOUNTAIN (H Davies, 100-30); 2. Landing Board (D Skyrme, 6-4 fav); 3. Fiery Serk (D Tegg, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Arctic Stream (4th), 11-2 Duke Of Milan (pu), 12 Gee-A (5th), 8 ran. 6l, 1l, 4l, 8l. T Forster at Letcombe Bassett. Tote: £3.30; £1.60, £1.40. DF: £2.50. CSF: £8.50.

3.0 (2m 100yd hdle) 1. SANTELLA BOBKES (M Perrett, 7-2); 2. Rover (R Arnott, 5-1); 3. Creach Wood (H Davies, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Bravo Star, 7-2 Kings Rank (4th), 6 Rustic Comedy, 16 Fire Top (5th), 25 Ordella, 33 Bold Vintage, Bulbarrow, Cyprus Dancer, Camping Out (6th), Sister Cheryl. 13 ran. 15l, 12l, nk, 4l, 15l. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £4.60; £1.70, £2.20, £2.50. DF: £21.40. CSF: £22.07.

3.30 Abandoned due to bad visibility

Placepot: £7.40. Jackpot: £86.80.

Nahar, who failed to win on the Flat for Tom Jones, made a winning debut over hurdles for his new trainer, Simon Dow, in the first division of the Beginners' Novices' Hurdle at Leicester yesterday.

### Leicester

Going: good to firm (chase course); good (hurdles)

12.45 (2m hdle) 1. NAHAR (R Guest, 7-1); 2. Milford Haven (P Tuck, 9-4 fav); 3. Immortal Irish (S McNeill, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Rose Gardena (4th), 3 Reedling (6th), 12 Captain Cura (5th), 20 Why Not Poppy, 33 Shifnal, 50 John's Feet. 9 ran. 3l, 12l, 8l, 4l, nk. S Dow at Epsom. Tote: £3.20; £1.30, £1.70, £3.90. DF: £4.60. CSF: £23.40.

1.15 (2m hdle) 1. CELCIUS (J Lower, 6-5 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2. Go South (R Rowe, 12-1); 3. Majestic Ring (R Beggan, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Vickstown (6th), 8 Miss Charming, 16 Blushing Spy, 25 Abadare, Hay Street (5th), 33 Ponteus Pilot (4th), 50 Mop Fair. 10 ran. NR: Saunders Lass. 2l, 3l, 8l, 10l, nk. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £6.70, £1.10. DF: £10.50. CSF: £15.44.

1.45 (3m ch) 1. MR PINKERTON (B de Haan, 6-1); 2. Way Under (J Railton, 2-1 fav); 3. Lakefield (J D Doyle, 6-1). ALSO RAN 3 Donna Fanna (4th), 7-2 Flying Irish (5th), 16 Scale Model (6th), 33 Shipmate (f). 7 ran. 15l, 10l, 7l, dist. N Gaselee at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £8.20; £3.50, £1.20. DF: £22.60. CSF: £18.24

2.15 (2m ch) 1. WEIRPOOL (S McKeever, 2-1 jt-fav); 2. Clares Own (E Buckley, 33-1); 3. Larkintown (S McNeill, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 2 jt-fav Scrambird (4th), 9-2 Father Paddy (pu), 15-2 New Romney (pu). 6 ran. 10l, 3l, 20l. W Kemp at Ashford. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £3.20. DF: £18.50. CSF: £36.72.

2.45 (2m hdle) 1. JOPANNI (D Murphy, 13-2); 2. Bradbury Star (S McKeever, 5-1); 3. Aceface (P Tuck, 10-1) ALSO RAN: 6-5 fav Man Ray, 12 Dear Miff, 14 Elite Leo, 20 Hello Mark, Rough Cut (5th), Viscount Tully (4th), 33 Flying Steel, Hard To Resist, Siryoh (6th), Anhaar, Blue Ana. 14 ran. 30l, sh hd, 2½l, 10l, 1½l. D Thom at Newmarket. Tote: £10.10; £2.60, £1.90, £4.10. DF: £17.70. CSF: £37.41.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1. SASKIA'S REPRIEVE (D Byrne, 16-1); 2. Well Covered (Gary Lyons, 5-1 jt-fav); 3. Miss Relsun (N Smith, 11-2) ALSO RAN: 5 jt-fav Grundy Lane, 8 Coincidental (5th), Solemi Lad (6th), 10 Beaulieu Bay, Rehearsing, 12 Tigers Pet, 14 Hawaiian Heir, 16 Jurisprudence (f), 20 Winter Term, 25 Cornhampton, 33 Tower Bay (4th), Flexible Friend. 15 ran. NR: Run By Jove, Tinsel Rose. 3l, 3l, 1½l, 2l, 6l. K Stone at Malton. Tote: £29.00; £9.70, £2.40, £2.20. DF: £303.60. CSF: £92.27. Tricast: £466.75.

Placepot: £40.20.

# Shady Heights takes chance

Shady Heights is likely to take his chance in the Japan Cup, at Tokyo tomorrow, despite severely bruising his off-hind foot last week. The four-year-old worked yesterday morning, and trainer Robert Armstrong is keen for him to run, reasoning that 'this is a one-off, and he has no other targets after this.'

Richer than the Arc, at £542,670, the 12-furlong contest has a truly international field. Europe is represented by Arc winner Tony Bin, a late invitee, Moon Madness, Shady Heights, and Kondor from Germany. Hours After, the French entry, strained a tendon in his work yesterday and misses the race.

With Sky Chase also a non-runner, Bonecrusher is left to fly the Australian flag, while the Americans are three-handed, with Salem Drive, My Big Boy and Pay The Butler.

Despite the strong overseas challenge, local feeling is that Tamamo Cross, unbeaten in his last eight races, will extend his impressive sequence here. Twice a winner of the prestigious Emperor's Cup, he has a fine turn of foot, and is rated superior to 1985 Cup winner Symboli Rudolf.

Oguri Cap, whose five-race unbeaten run was brought to an end last time, and Suzu Parade are both decent performers in Japan, and the latter, a seven-year-old, has sound place chances.

Tony Bin, who disputes favouritism with Tamamo Cross, will push him hard. But the Arc winner could be feeling the effects of a long season, and may have to settle for a place.

Shady Heights is consistent, and should also go well provided he has recovered from his setback. According to his owner's wishes, top local jockey Masato Shibata replaces Willie Carson on the colt.

Moon Madness will have to improve considerably on this season's form to reach the frame. If he should do so, though, then his trainer, John Dunlop, will pass Luca Cumani to be top British trainer overseas in 1988.

Kondor, who took the group one Preis Von Europa on his latest start, will start fit and fancied, as will Fuji Stakes winner Salem Drive, who is considered the best of the American contingent.

Bonecrusher, who nearly died of a fever before the 1986 running, has been beset by problems this year, and looks a shadow of his former self.

## Racing next week

**MONDAY:** Nottingham, Catterick.

**TUESDAY:** Huntingdon, Newton Abbot.

**WEDNESDAY:** Hereford, Hexham.

**THURSDAY:** Warwick, Carlisle.

**FRIDAY:** Sandown Park, Bangor, Southwell.

**SATURDAY:** Sandown Park, Chepstow, Nottingham, Wetherby.

## TOKYO FIELD

Going: good — Draw: no advantage

6.20am JAPAN CUP (Group I: £542,670: 1m 4f) (16 runners)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 538241 | SALEM DRIVE (Virginia K Payson) R Lundy (US) 8-9-0 | C Antley 1 |
| 2 | 21011 | SUZU PARADE (Y Komurasaki) R Tomita 7-9-0 | S Ebisawa 2 |
| 3 | | SKY CHASE (J Cummings) J Cummings (Aus) 4-9-0 | NON-RUNNER 3 |
| 4 | 25453 | GOLD CITY (Yushun Horse Club Co Ltd) I Shimizu 4-9-0 | M Honda 4 |
| 5 | 1-11111 | TAMAMO CROSS (Tamamo Co Ltd) I Obara 4-9-0 | K Mase 5 |
| 6 | 113112 | TONY BIN (Allevamento White Star) L Camici (It) 5-9-0 | J Reid 6 |
| 7 | 121232 | MY BIG BOY (Heck Doubleday) C McGaughey (US) 5-9-0 | R Romero 7 |
| 8 | 11112 | OGURI CAP (I Sahashi) T Setoguchi 3-8-9 | H Kawachi 8 |
| 9 | | HOURS AFTER (M de Moratalla) P Biancone (Fr) 3-8-9 | NON-RUNNER 9 |
| 10 | 40300 | MEJIRO DURREN (Mejiro Shoji Co Ltd) Y Ikee 5-9-0 | Y Muramoto 10 |
| 11 | 24313 | BONECRUSHER (P Mitchell) F Ritchie (NZ) 6-9-0 | G Stewart 11 |
| 12 | 28345 | RUNNING FREE (T Fujishima) K Hongo 5-9-0 | Y Sugawara 12 |
| 13 | 335441 | KONDOR (Frau I Ramm) H Bollow (Ger) 4-9-0 | P Remmert 13 |
| 14 | 21124 | SHADY HEIGHTS (H Furuoka) R Armstrong (GB) 4-9-0 | M Shibata 14 |
| 15 | 41225 | MOON MADNESS (Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop (GB) 5-9-0 | Pat Eddery 15 |
| 16 | 512520 | PAY THE BUTLER (E Gann) R Frankel 4-9-0 | C McCarron 16 |

BETTING: 7-4 Tamamo Cross, 3-1 Tony Bin, 5-1 Salem Drive, 8-1 My Big Boy, Oguri Cap, 12-1 Bonecrusher, 14-1 Pay The Butler, Shady Heights, 16-1 Moon Madness, Suzu Parade, 25-1 others.

# Asmussen tops 200 winners

Cash Asmussen yesterday became the first jockey to ride 200 winners in a French season. He wasted no time doing so, either, partnering unraced two-year-old Forest Angel to success in the first race of the day at Maisons-Laffitte, the seven-furlong Prix Soritor.

Asmussen, who owes much of his success to the prolific Andre Fabre, passed Yves Saint-Martin's previous record of 184 well over a month ago.

# Revelling in the delights of country life

*A series of weekly reports on Britain's racecourses*
*No 13: TOWCESTER*

## THE GOOD RACECOURSE GUIDE

Towcester used to be snootier than Royal Ascot. Admission to the Members' enclosure was limited to friends of the Hesketh family, who still own the estate in which the racecourse lies.

These restrictions have been lifted but Towcester is still smart in a county way. Members tend to wear highly-polished brogues, which never get muddy. Presumably, the art of keeping mud off one's shoes is a knack acquired at birth.

Picnics, of the bibulous, point-to-point variety, are popular at Towcester, where most of the big races are hunter chases. Revellers burden the suspension with wine, spirits and a few token vol-au-vents, and park near the rails.

The cost is £10 per car, which includes admission for as many people as the car contains. Even if there are a dozen of you, the gateman will cheerfully wave you through.

The current Lord Hesketh is the same man that once poured a fortune into his own motor racing team. He gave up the chairmanship of Towcester Racecourse Company in 1986 when he became a Government Whip in the House of Lords — members of the Government are barred from holding directorships. His mother, Christian, has taken over the role.

Lord Hesketh's home, Easton Neston, built in the late seventeenth century, is about a mile from the racecourse and permission is occasionally granted for sponsors to entertain guests there prior to racing.

The public entrance to the course, a magnificent arch complete with columns and two lions rampant (both made of stone), was built as a main entrance to the estate, which it still is.

Over £60,000 has been spent recently on refurbishing the stands at Towcester and the wooden stand in the Members' enclosure, which is well situated but rickety, is due to be demolished and rebuilt in about 12 months.

On the ground floor is a bar which was once the Hesketh greenhouse. Geraniums have given way to large gins but plants, especially tropical ones, would still thrive there. It gets very humid in winter.

Towcester is well served by bars. Barrie Cope, about whom this column has enthused before, has a hut to himself next to the paddock. In the Members' dining room, you can have a good lunch of, say, soup followed by steak and kidney pie for £7.50, courtesy of Rugby-based caterers, Drewetts. This company understands that racegoers do not want to be dazzled, merely fed. They can always visit a restaurant after racing.

When the Princess Royal rode at Towcester two seasons ago, she had to change in a rather spartan shed. The executive did its best to make her feel welcome by putting a few clean hand towels on the table. But now the weighing room has been rebuilt, women riders have their facilities, and sauna, within the weighing room itself.

There was a campaign among jockeys, probably initiated by Steve Smith Eccles, for the women to share a sauna with the men but Hugo Bevan, the clerk of the course, refused all bribes.

Towcester is an excellent course from a spectator's point view as it sits in a natural amphitheatre. The uphill finish is one of the stiffest in the country and on heavy ground is a serious test of a horse's resolution. It is not wise to take a short price about a dubious stayer.

One the most successful owners is local builder John Upson, whose horses are trained privately nearby by John Costello. Upson's company, Erostin, is one of the sponsors today, when all the races are supported by firms from Milton Keynes, which is 11 miles away.

Getting a bet on at Towcester can be fairly exhausting. The betting ring is too cramped to allow bookmakers to form conventional lines. Instead, there are two short rows which face each other, with punters herded in between. Walking from one end to the other is rather like having a ride on a fairground dodgem.

This problem was not encountered by Towcester's first racegoer, the Empress Elizabeth of Austria. In 1876 she was spending Easter with the Heskeths and a one-day steeplechase meeting was put on in her honour.

It was such a success it was decided to make it an annual event. There is a hunter chase named after the Empress at the Easter Bank Holiday meeting.

*The Times* sponsors another important hunters' event, *The Times* Championship Hunter Chase (Point-to-Point Final).

Towcester is beautifully looked after by the groundstaff and, for a small course, stages better than average jumping.

The drawback for many potential visitors is the journey, which for most people involves using the M1. But it's worth the misery.

## ALL THE DETAILS

**ROAD TRAVEL:** The racecourse lies on the A5. From London (75 miles away) or the south, leave the M1 at junction 14 and get on to the A5 using the A422. Drivers coming from the north should leave the M1 at junction 16 and reach the A5 via the A45.

**RAIL TRAVEL:** Not very satisfactory. The nearest stations are Northampton (nine miles away) and Milton Keynes (11 miles away) which are both on the Euston line.

**ADMISSION:** Members' £8, Tattersalls £6. Course £3. (For £10, a carload can gain admission to the Course enclosure). Annual membership £45.

**PARKING:** Free.

**DRESS REQUIREMENTS:** Nothing too scruffy in Members'.

**HOSPITALITY:** There are three well-appointed chalets in a converted Tote building. Each can hold 12 people and costs £100 a day, plus admission. There is also a pavilion and a hall which accommodates 400 people.

**INQUIRIES:** The Racecourse, Easton Neston, Towcester, Northants NN12 7HS. Tel: (0327) 53414.

**BIG-RACE DATES:** Empress Elizabeth Hunter Chase, 25 March (Easter Saturday); Land-Rover Gentleman's Championship (Hunter Chase), 16 May; *The Times* Championship Hunter Chase (Point-to-Point final), 28 May.

**Rating**

*One jockey's cap denotes Awful: two, Bearable: three, Average: four, Very Good: five, Excellent.*

**Martin Trew**
of *Racing Post*

# Conditions ideal for Nupsala to lift first Hennessy for France

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Having won the King George VI Steeplechase at Kempton Park last winter, **Nupsala** clearly has the ability to become the first French-trained winner of the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury today.

By pure chance, I happened to see the nine-year-old on Tuesday evening just after he had arrived in Oliver Sherwood's Upper Lambourn yard to begin his stay for the race.

It was abundantly clear that he is in tip-top condition, ready to give his best again for his able French jockey, Andre Pommier.

Last December, that best saw him leave Forgive'N Forget, Desert Orchid, Golden Friend and Beau Ranger toiling in his wake at the end of a ferociously run race.

Later in the season, he was not seen at his best though when trailing in a distant fourth in the Tote Gold Cup at Cheltenham.

Now the feeling in the camp persists that he was neither suited by the undulating course at Cheltenham nor by the very soft ground that day, and that he will be far more effective on the prevailing good ground on the Berkshire track.

Indeed, it was because the ground at Auteuil had become so soft that Nupsala missed a more valuable race in Paris last weekend to wait for today's epic.

What was so captivating at Kempton was the ease with which Nupsala picked off the leaders on the second circuit. But that race was over only three miles.

Having twice finished second in the Grand Steeplechase de Paris, he clearly has more than sufficient stamina to cope with the additional quarter of a mile today, which should also be run at a furious pace now that habitual front-runner Mr Frisk has stood his ground.

Kildimo, only fourth in the race 12 months ago when he started a short-priced favourite, carrying 11st 5lb, now has 8lb more on his back.

It was never Toby Balding's intention to give him a preparatory race as he has run his best races when fresh. However, along with Cavvies Clown and Kissane, Kildimo would be better if it were softer underfoot.

Having won the race nine years ago with Fighting Fit, Ken Oliver is hopeful that his progressive seven-year-old High Edge Grey can return home with the brandy.



Andre Pommier: enjoys fine understanding with Nupsala

However the fact remains he has nothing in hand on the book of Arthur Stephenson's runner, Handy Trick, if one takes their recent race at Wetherby into account. Of the two, I marginally prefer Handy Trick.

With Martin Pipe's stable seemingly sweeping all before it, we should not be surprised if Strands Of Gold succeeds on his seasonal debut even with Peter Scudamore putting up overweight. But my information is that today's race may well come a bit too soon for him.

With Kribensis and Vagador both standing their ground, the Gerry Feilden Hurdle has certainly developed into a clash of the young giants who won on separate days during last season's National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham.

I just prefer **Kribensis**, who was certainly the better on the Flat.

Were Decided to beat the pair he would point the way to Lalitpour being good enough to win the second division of the Speen Novices Hurdle. For they finished first and second respectively in the same race at the last meeting.

However, I remain more than hopeful that Lalitpour will be put in his place by Barry Hills's newcomer **Sudden Victory**, whose form on the Flat entitles him to the greatest respect.

Furthermore, he has also jumped well when schooled at Manton with the unbeaten three-year-old Nomadic Way. In the circumstances, he looks a good nap.

The earlier division should fall to the impressive Chepstow winner **Bruton Street**.

# Levy ideas get mixed reaction

By Graham Rock

**There was mixed reaction yesterday from the racing industry to Lord Newall's proposals, announced on Thursday, to restructure the finances of the horse and greyhound racing industries.**

**Sir Ian Trethowan, chairman of the Levy Board, believed that Lord Newall was echoing his own recent statement in suggesting that the Home Secretary might find it an appropriate time to examine the whole sweep of the relationship between betting and the sports off which it fed.**

**Lord Newall proposed that the Levy Board should encompass greyhound racing and off-course tote betting and Sir Ian commented: "We were set up by Parliament to deal with horse racing and at the moment our hands are full. If Parliament decided to widen our brief, then obviously we would deal with it."**

**Tote representative Geoffrey Webster was sceptical of Lord Newall's optimism for tote-only shops in the high street. He said: "The Tote's experience in the Sixties did not suggest that betting shops offering tote odds only were very competitive."**

**Tom Kelly, director-general of the Betting Offices Licensees' Association and of the Bookmakers' Afternoon Greyhound Service (BAGS), denied that bookmakers were giving insufficient to the greyhounds tracks staging afternoon racing.**

## BIG RACE LINE-UP BBC1

**1.50 HENNESSY COGNAC GOLD CUP** (Handicap chase: listed race: £29,543: 3m 2f 82yd) (12 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 301 | 401022- | **KILDIMO** 217 (F,G,S) (Lady Harris) G Balding 8-11-13 | J Frost | 96 |
| | | *Mauve and yellow check, yellow sleeves* | | |
| 302 | 430264 | **NUPSALA** 73 (B,G,S) (Mrs R Fougedoire) F Doumen (Fr) 9-11-13 | A Pommier | 97 |
| | | *Green, yellow seams, yellow cap* | | |
| 303 | 11112-2 | **CAVVIES CLOWN** 16 (CD,BF,G,S) (Mrs J Ollivant) D Elsworth 8-11-9 | R Arnott ® | 99 |
| | | *Green, pink crossbelts* | | |
| 304 | 561113- | **KISSANE** 234 (G,S) (K Bell) J Edwards 7-10-13 | T Morgan | 84 |
| | | *Light blue, red braces, sleeves and star on cap* | | |
| 305 | 211-111 | **HIGH EDGE GREY** 28 (D,F,G,S) (J Stone) K Oliver 7-10-5 (5ex) | T Reed | 95 |
| | | *Beige, orange spots, beige sleeves, orange cap* | | |
| 306 | 113-051 | **MR FRISK** 8 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs H Duffey) K Bailey 9-10-2 | R Dunwoody | 95 |
| | | *Green and red quarters, yellow sleeves, red cap* | | |
| 307 | 1121-23 | **HANDY TRICK** 28 (D,F,G,S) (J Hanson) W A Stephenson 7-10-2 | M Hammond | 94 |
| | | *Red and green hoops, yellow cap, green hoop* | | |
| 308 | 535P-21 | **MIDNIGHT MADNESS** 18 (D,F,G,S) (D Bloomfield) D Bloomfield 10-10-0 | Mr R Greene (7) | 97 |
| | | *Light blue, black braces, striped sleeves, light blue cap* | | |
| 309 | 43F22-6 | **GALA'S IMAGE** 17 (C,F,G,S) (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) Mrs M Rimell 8-10-0 | B Powell | 92 |
| | | *Red, black chevrons* | | |
| 310 | 3062P-4 | **BUCKO** 15 (G,S) (J McManus) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-10-0 | M Dwyer | 94 |
| | | *Emerald green, yellow hoops, white cap* | | |
| 311 | 4F45F3- | **STRANDS OF GOLD** 217 (G,S). (Independent Twine Ltd) M Pipe 9-10-0 | P Scudamore | 93 |
| | | *Emerald green, black cross of Lorraine, white sleeves, black & emerald green hooped cap* | | |
| 312 | FPU-P0B | **ON THE TWIST** 7 (G,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 8-10-0 | — | — |
| | | *Emerald green, white sleeves, emerald green and white check cap* | | |

**Long handicap:** Strands Of Gold 9-12, On The Twist 8-10.

**BETTING:** 5-1 High Edge Grey, 11-2 Nupsala, 6-1 Cavvies Clown, 7-1 Kildimo, 8-1 Handy Trick, 10-1 Strands Of Gold, Bucko, 12-1 Kissane, 14-1 Gala's Image, 16-1 Mr Frisk, 20-1 Midnight Madness, 200-1 On The Twist.

**1987: PLAYSCHOOL** 9-10-8 P Nicholls (6-1) D Barons 12 ran

**KILDIMO**
April 23, Sandown, good to firm: (11-12) 2½l 2nd to Desert Orchid (11-11) (3m 5f 18yd h'cap, £45,000, 12 ran) with **STRANDS OF GOLD** (10-0) 4l 3rd.
April 7, Liverpool, good: (11-5) 8l 2nd to Desert Orchid (11-5) (3m 1f, feature race, £16,040, 4 ran).
March 17, Cheltenham, soft: see **CAVVIES CLOWN.**

**NUPSALA**
Oct 20, Enghien, soft: (11-1) 12l 4th to Summit (10-7) 14 ran.
Sep 14, Auteuil, soft: (11-3) 17½l 6th to Katko (11-3) (2m 4f 110yd, £20,000, 8 ran).
Mar 17, Cheltenham, soft: see **CAVVIES CLOWN.**
Dec 26, Kempton, good: (11-10) beat Desert Orchid (11-10) 15l (3m, feature race, £31,400, 9 ran).

**CAVVIES CLOWN**
Nov 10, Wincanton, good to firm: (11-10) 5l 2nd to Ten Plus (10-9) (3m 1f, limited h'cap, £4,642, 3 ran).
Mar 17, Cheltenham, soft: (12-0) 6l 2nd to Charter Party (12-0) in the Gold Cup (3m 2f, championship race, £61,960, 15 ran) with **NUPSALA** (12-0), who made a mistake 3 out, 13l 4th and **KILDIMO** (12-0) 7th.
Jan 30, Cheltenham, heavy: (11-12) beat Twin Oaks (11-6) 30l (3m 1f, listed race, £8,597, 3 ran).

**KISSANE**
Apr 6, Ascot, good: (11-11) 14½l last of 3 to Saffron Lord (11-8) (2m 4f, feature race, £10,795).
Feb 27, Stratford, good to soft: (11-10) beat Bara Peg (10-7) 7l (2m 6f, novice, £4,047, 12 ran).
Feb 10, Ascot, heavy: (11-8) beat The West Awake (11-12) 5l (3m, novice, £10,765, 6 ran).

**HIGH EDGE GREY**
Oct 29, Wetherby, good to soft: (11-2) beat Yahoo (11-2) a neck (3m 100yd, feature race, £16,910, 10 ran) with **HANDY TRICK** (11-2) 3l 3rd and **MR FRISK** (11-2) 12l 7th.
Oct 15, Kelso, good: (12-2) beat Oaken (11-13) 6l (3m, h'cap, £2,406, 7 ran).
Oct 1, Kelso, good: (12-5) beat Oaken (12-6) 2½l (3m, h'cap, £2,419, 10 ran).

**MR FRISK**
Nov 18, Ascot, good to firm: (12-0) beat Bajan Sunshine (11-4) 3l (3m, amateur, £3,342, 4 ran).
Nov 5, Sandown, good to firm: (11-10) 15½l 5th of 6 to Cuddy Dale (10-0) (3m 118yd, h'cap, £4,425, 6 ran).
Oct 29, Wetherby, good to soft: see **HIGH EDGE GREY.**

**HANDY TRICK**
Oct 29, Wetherby, good to soft: see **HIGH EDGE GREY.**
Oct 5, Cheltenham, firm: (11-10) 1l 2nd to Sam Da Vinci (11-1) (3m, h'cap, £3558, 5 ran).
May 19, Wetherby, firm: (12-0) beat *Tar Knight (10-0) a neck (3m 100yd, h'cap, £1932, 5 ran).*

**MIDNIGHT MADNESS**
Nov 8, Devon, good: (11-0) beat Glenside Jerry (10-4) 7l (3m 5f, h'cap, £4,448, 5 ran).
Oct 1, Chepstow, good: (11-6) sh hd. 2nd to Church Warden (11-6) (3m, h'cap, £4,519, 10 ran).
Apr 9, Liverpool, good to soft: see **STRANDS OF GOLD.**

**GALA'S IMAGE**
Nov 9, Newbury, good to firm: (12-6) 16½l 8th to Donald Davies (10-3) (3m, h'cap, £3,637, 6 ran) with **ON THE TWIST** (11-2) last.
Apr 16, Bangor, good: see **HANDY TRICK.**
Apr 8, Liverpool, good: (11-6) 8l 2nd to Rimus (10-2) (3m 1f, h'cap, £7,583, 8 ran).

**BUCKO**
Nov 11, Market Rasen, good: (11-13) 10½l 4th to Proud Pilgrim (12-2) (3m, h'cap, £2,978, 7 ran).
Apr 9, Liverpool, good to soft: see **STRANDS OF GOLD.**
Mar 17, Cheltenham, soft: (11-1) 4l 2nd to Aquilifer (10-12) with **STRANDS OF GOLD** (10-12) 6½l 5th and **GALA'S IMAGE** (11-3) fell.

**STRANDS OF GOLD**
Apr 23, Sandown, good to firm: see *KILDIMO.*
Apr 9, Liverpool, good to soft: (10-3) fell when leading at Becher's Brook 2nd time round with **MIDNIGHT MADNESS** (10-5) and **BUCKO** (10-5) pulled up.
Mar 17, Cheltenham, soft: see **BUCKO.**

**ON THE TWIST**
Nov 19, Ascot, good to firm: (11-0) brought down behind Pucks Place (10-12) at Ascot (3m, h'cap, £7,557, 8 ran).
Nov 9, Newbury, good to firm: see **GALA'S IMAGE.**
Oct 21, Newbury, good to firm: (10-9) *pulled up behind Cuddy Dale (10-0)* (3m, h'cap, £3,080, 9 ran).

**Selection: NUPSALA**

## NEWBURY

### Selections
By Mandarin

12.45 Cottage Run.
1.15 Kribensis.
1.50 Nupsala.
2.20 Bruton Street.
2.50 Sir Blake.
3.20 SUDDEN VICTORY (nap).

By Michael Seely

1.15 Kribensis. 1.50 CAVVIES CLOWN (nap). 2.20 Bruton Street.
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**Going: good**

**12.45 NORTH STREET HANDICAP CHASE** (£4,152: 2m 160yd) (4 runners) BBC2

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 101 | 11P5-54 | COTTAGE RUN 15 (CD,G,S) (Mrs M Rogers) D Nicholson 8-11-10 | R Dunwoody | 97 |
| 102 | 6F5P6-F | GENERAL CHANDOS 42 (D,F,G,S) (Lady Harris) G Balding 7-11-5 | J Frost | — |
| 103 | 11P-25F | BALUCHI 15 (D,F,G,S) (D Square) B Preece 7-10-13 | G Landau | ○ 59 |
| 104 | 113F-U0 | HARLEY STREET MAN 28 (D,F,G,S) (J Powis) C Jackson 7-10-0 | J Bryan | 85 |

**BETTING:** 11-8 Baluchi, 13-8 Cottage Run, 4-1 Harley Street Man, 7-1 General Chandos.

**1987: COTTAGE RUN** 7-10-10 R Dunwoody (2-1) D Nicholson 5 ran

**FORM** **COTTAGE RUN** looked dangerous until blundering 3 out when 9l 4th behind *Tarn at Cheltenham (2m, good to firm)* last time with **BALUCHI** (same terms) also in contention, falling at the same fence.
**GENERAL CHANDOS** was always in the rear and fell 4 out in a valuable handicap won by Acarine at Kempton (3m, good to firm).
**BALUCHI** made a pleasing reappearance when 3l 2nd of 3 to Tom Caxton at Bangor (2m, good). Subsequently disappointed when 21 5th of 6 behind *Vodkatini at Ascot (2m, good to firm).*
**HARLEY STREET MAN** won novice chases at Worcester and Leicester last season, was in need of the outing when 6th behind Steeple View (2m 4f, good) at Worcester. He will need to improve considerably to play a part today.
**Selection: COTTAGE RUN**

**1.15 GERRY FEILDEN HURDLE** (Feature race: £10,164: 2m 100yd) (5 runners) BBC2

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 201 | 111-1 | KRIBENSIS 36 (CD,F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 4-11-6 | R Dunwoody | 98 |
| 202 | 11111- | VAGADOR 256 (CD,G,S) (Miss A Harwood) G Harwood 5-11-6 | M Perrett | ○ 59 |
| 203 | 300-1U1 | *CALAPAEZ 15 (D,F,G,S) (T Blake) Miss B Sanders 4-11-0* | *P Scudamore* | 91 |
| 204 | 233-11 | DECIDED 17 (CD,F) (R Green) O Sherwood 5-11-0 | N Dwyer | 77 |
| 205 | 302280 | GLEN WEAVING 16 (D,F,S) (D O'Shaughnessy) L Cadd 4-11-0 | T Morgan | 61 |

**BETTING:** 5-4 Kribensis, 7-4 Vagador, 11-2 Calapaez, 8-1 Decided, 25-1 Glen Weaving.

**1987: CELTIC CHIEF** 4-11-0 P Scudamore (8-11 fav) Mrs M Rimell 9 ran

**FORM** **KRIBENSIS**, unbeaten over hurdles, made a pleasing reappearance when beating Lyphento 12l over course and distance with *CALAPAEZ (2lb better off) falling at the last when* 3rd and beaten.
**VAGADOR** proved himself a leading novice in the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, soft) when beating Mixed Blends *2½l; earlier beat High Knowl 3l at Fontwell (2m 2f,* good to soft). Appears to act on any.
**CALAPAEZ** comfortably landed the odds by beating Tebrito 4l at Cheltenham (2m, good to firm) last time. Won a handicap at Fontwell (2m 2f, good) on seasonal bow by 1l from Ruling Dynasty.
**DECIDED** completed a double when beating Lalitpour 1l (winner since) over course and distance. Well regarded by connections, but would need to improve.
**GLEN WEAVING** finished 2l 2nd to Timmirion at Kempton (2m 4f, good to firm).
**Selection: VAGADOR**

**1.50 HENNESSY COGNAC GOLD CUP** (Handicap chase: Listed race: £29,543: 3m 2f 82yd) (12 runners) BBC1

**RUNNERS AND RIDERS – SEE ABOVE**

## Course specialists

**TRAINERS**

| | Winners | Runners | Per cent |
|---|---|---|---|
| M Pipe | 7 | 26 | 26.9 |
| Mrs M Rimell | 9 | 49 | 18.4 |
| Mrs J Pitman | 7 | 45 | 15.6 |
| D Nicholson | 16 | 105 | 15.2 |
| J Jenkins | 12 | 84 | 14.3 |
| *D Sherwood* | 9 | 63 | 14.3 |

**JOCKEYS**

| | Winners | Rides | Per cent |
|---|---|---|---|
| M Bosley | 3 | 14 | 21.4 |
| P Nicholls | 3 | 16 | 18.3 |
| M Pitman | 4 | 22 | 18.2 |
| M Perrett | 7 | 39 | 17.9 |
| P Scudamore | 24 | 150 | 16.0 |
| S Moore | 4 | 25 | 16.0 |

*(Not including yesterday's results)*

**2.20 SPEEN NOVICES HURDLE** (Div I: £2,302: 2m 100yd) (25 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 401 | 25-1 | BRUTON STREET 21 (D,S) (R E A Bott Ltd) C Brooks 6-11-7 | P Scudamore | 95 |
| 402 | P0 | ALLIED FORCE 16 (K Somerville) T Muggeridge 6-11-0 | M Muggeridge (7) | — |
| 403 | 0- | BEETEE YOU 189 (A Merrad) T Bill 5-11-0 | T Morgan | — |
| 404 | 000 | CLOPTON 23 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 4-11-0 | A Mullholland (4) | — |
| 405 | 30 | COMPLETE OPTIMIST 21 (B Lawns) Miss A King 4-11-0 | A Webb | — |
| 406 | 122- | DIS TRAIN 227 (S) (M Oberstein) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0 | M Pitman | — |
| 407 | 5330- | EVEN SMARTER 236 (G Thorp) R Lee 5-11-0 | B Dowling | — |
| 408 | | *GELOS (Mrs C Williams) A Turnell 4-11-0* | *I Lawrence (7)* | — |
| 409 | | GUIBURN'S NEPHEW (Mrs R Stead) P Hobbs 6-11-0 | Peter Hobbs | — |
| 410 | | KARSAJ 36F (A Kinghorn) C Horgan 4-11-0 | M Perrett | — |
| 411 | 50-5 | KNOTTY ELM 64 (Mrs J M Beeby) G Balding 6-11-0 | J Frost | 70 |
| 412 | | LANDSKI 89F (B Munro-Wilson) J Jenkins 5-11-0 | — | — |
| 413 | 6- | *LUMLEY LAKE 273 (N Haskins) J Gifford 5-11-0* | *E Murphy* | — |
| 414 | P/5/PU- | MOUNT TUMBLEDOWN 30F (Mrs J Collins) R Hannon 7-11-0 | M Muggeridge (7) | — |
| 415 | | PLASTIC SURGEON (J Cunningham) M Wilkinson 5-11-0 | M Lynch | — |
| 416 | | PUPPET SHOW 51F (J Clarke) S Harris 4-11-0 | C Cox | — |
| 417 | 0- | QUEEN'S BISHOP 236 (J Ruck Keene) K Bailey 5-11-0 | T Reed | — |
| 418 | | SOUTH POOL (E Parker) D Barons 4-11-0 | P Nicholls | — |
| 419 | | TANGLED STRING (Mrs J Ollivant) D Elsworth 4-11-0 | B Powell | — |
| 420 | 5F- | UNCLE ELI 281 (R Tory) D Nicholson 5-11-0 | R Dunwoody | 84 |
| 421 | 0- | UNDAUNTED 259 (B Burrough) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0 | M Bowlby | — |
| 422 | P- | VELOS 52F (M Pourtney) J Fox 6-11-0 | S Moore | — |
| 423 | 2 | WISHLON 8 (Miss D Smyth) R Smyth 5-11-0 | M Dwyer | ● 99 |
| 424 | | KOPJES 421F (J Jeyes) D Elsworth 4-10-9 | Miss S Lawrence | — |
| 425 | | PEACEWORK 514F (S St P Burridge) D Elsworth 4-10-9 | R Arnott | — |

**BETTING:** 7-4 Bruton Street, 3-1 Wishlon, 6-1 Dis Train, 10-1 Uncle Eli, 14-1 Even Smarter, Landski, 16-1 *Knotty Elm, Lumley Lake, Puppet Show, 20-1 others.*

**1987: BILOXI BLUES** 5-11-0 P Croucher (4-6 fav) K Bailey 19 ran

**FORM** **BRUTON STREET** showed promise in two NH Flat races last season and made a successful hurdling debut when beating Patrico at Chepstow (2m, soft). Should improve further.
**EVEN SMARTER**, best effort when 5l 3rd of 21 at Worcester (2m, heavy). Disappointed on subsequent starts.
**UNCLE ELI** showed promise when 23l 5th of 19, behind Rymster at Kempton (2m, good to soft) on his hurdling debut.
**WISHLON** made a promising debut when 3l 2nd to Man On The Line at Ascot (2m 4f, good to firm). Should improve for that run.
**Selection: BRUTON STREET**

**2.50 HOPEFUL CHASE** (£4,240: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 501 | 1/0104-1 | BROWN WINDSOR 17 (CD,F,G,S) (W Shand Kydd) N Henderson 6-11-5 | M Bowlby | ● 99 |
| 502 | 1/F00-1 | JUST THIS ONCE 18 (G) (Mrs J Robshaw) D Barons 7-11-5 | P Nicholls | 90 |
| 503 | 41 | BORACEVA 9 (F) (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 5-11-0 | J Frost | 61 |
| 504 | 4/0123- | DEEP MOMENT 301 (S) (Mrs M Curtis) Mrs M Rimell 6-11-0 | P Scudamore | — |
| 505 | 65106- | GENERALLY RIGHT 233 (S) (H Joel) D Nicholson 6-11-0 | R Dunwoody | — |
| 506 | 3-65525 | GREY TORNADO 9 (D Short) T Keenor 7-11-0 | R Boucher (7) | 80 |
| 507 | 0P0-PBP | KINGSBRIDGE FLYER 35 (P King) A Chamberlain 6-11-0 | Lorna Vincent | — |
| 508 | *1P30-04* | *RED RUDDEL 45 (G,S) (J Hanson) J Hanson 5-11-0* | *M Dwyer* | — |
| 509 | 52012-F | SECRET RITE 25 (G) (Mrs L Pinto) J Gifford 5-11-0 | E Murphy | — |
| 510 | 141F1-1 | SIR BLAKE 24 (D,S) (Miss J Reed) D Elsworth 7-11-0 | B Powell | — |
| 511 | 00/0105- | SNEAKAPENNY 219 (S) (Mrs E Courage) M Wilkinson 6-11-0 | M Lynch | — |
| 512 | 5/12/5-3 | TAMINO 58 (F,S) (B Seal) Mrs L Clay 7-11-0 | M Richards | 77 |
| 513 | 03/0-00 | GAY CRISELLE 16 (S) (D Price) P Hobbs 5-10-9 | Peter Hobbs | — |

**BETTING:** 9-4 Brown Windsor, 5-2 Sir Blake, 11-2 Just This Once, 7-1 Boraceva, 8-1 Deep Moment, 10-1 Generally Right, 12-1 others.

**1987: PRIVATE VIEWS** 6-11-5 K Mooney (3-1) N Gaselee 6 ran

**FORM** **BROWN WINDSOR** made a winning debut over fences when beating Belfalas Lad 6l at Newbury (2m 4f, good to firm). Acts on a sound surface and should be open to further improvement.
**JUST THIS ONCE** comfortably accounted for **GREY TORNADO** (same terms) by 15l at Devon (2m 1f, good) on his chasing debut. Should improve further.
**SCRACEVA** made several jumping errors on his debut when 19½l 4th of 8 behind Remedy The Malady here over 3m. Stayed on well to beat Mountaico 10l at Towcester (3m 190yd, good to firm) last time. May find today's trip on the sharp side.
**SIR BLAKE** *has always looked a chaser in the* making. Useful hurdler who made a pleasing seasonal debut when beating The Hill 12l at here over 2m 4f 120yd.
**Selection: SIR BLAKE**

**3.20 SPEEN NOVICES HURDLE** (Div II: £2,285: 2m 100yd) (20 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 601 | 3020-21 | LALITPOUR 7 (D,F) (E Kelly) J Jenkins 4-11-7 | R Dunwoody | 96 |
| 602 | | BATTALION 35F (R Dormer) C Brooks 4-11-0 | P Scudamore | — |
| 603 | | BOLDDEN 61F (J Hanson) J Hanson 5-11-0 | M Dwyer | — |
| 604 | 5S5/00/ | BURLINGTON LAD 572 (A Chamberlain) A Chamberlain 9-11-0 | Lorna Vincent | — |
| 605 | 64- | CRUISING ALTITUDE 234 (Mrs C Heath) O Sherwood 5-11-0 | M Richards | — |
| 606 | 3-5 | EASTERN QUARTET 15 (Eastern Quarries Ltd) G Balding 4-11-0 | J Frost | ● 99 |
| 607 | 0- | FIRST DIVISION 83F (A F Budge Ltd) S Christian 5-11-0 | J Osborne | — |
| 608 | 000- | GROWING POWER 332 (A Pratt) T Muggeridge 4-11-0 | M Muggeridge (7) | — |
| 609 | 0/05- | IN ORDER 227 (T Dunbar) M McCourt 5-11-0 | G McCourt | — |
| 610 | 4- | KRUGGERAN SMUGGLER 260 (T Keogh) J Gifford 8-11-0 | E Murphy | 84 |
| 611 | PP- | MIKES BOYS 222 (M Murphy) J Sayers 4-11-0 | I Lawrence (7) | — |
| 612 | 6-0 | PRINCE OF DIAMONDS 24 (P Gwyn) P Hobbs 5-11-0 | Peter Hobbs | 82 |
| 613 | 44520- | *PRISCILLIAN 275 (H Mould) D Nicholson 4-11-0* | *D Evans (7)* | 96 |
| 614 | 30/- | ROYAL ATHLETE 603 (G Johnson) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 | M Bowlby | — |
| 615 | | SING THE BLUES 46F (B Hager) C Benstead 4-11-0 | N Jenkins | — |
| 616 | 5 | STANS JOY 21 (Queensway Securities Ltd) Miss A King 4-11-0 | A Webb | — |
| 617 | 0- | STAR IN THE WEST 276 (M Mugent) R Holder 5-11-0 | W Irvine (4) | — |
| 618 | | SUDDEN VICTORY 34F (R Sangster) B Hills 4-11-0 | K Mooney | — |
| 619 | 34- | VAZON BAY 217 (R Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0 | M Pitman | — |
| 620 | 0/05003- | LADY CATCHER 205 (J Bosley) J Bosley 5-10-9 | M Bosley | 70 |

**BETTING:** 2-1 Sudden Victory, 4-1 Lalitpour, 6-1 Battalion, 7-1 Eastern Quartet, 8-1 Kruggeran Smuggler, 10-1 Bolddon, Priscillian, 12-1 Cruising Altitude, 14-1 others.

**1987: VAGADOR** 4-11-7 M Perrett (11-8 fav) G Harwood 19 ran

**FORM** **LALITPOUR** was an easy 3l winner from ESPY in a slow run Ascot novice hurdle (2m, good to firm) latest start.
**BATTALION** won a Goodwood handicap (1m 2f, good to firm) in May.
**CRUISING ALTITUDE** was 4th of 12 in a Fairyhouse N H Flat race when trained by Arthur Moore in Ireland. Is highly regarded.
**EASTERN QUARTET**, 3rd to stablemate, Chalky Fellow, here on hurdling bow, not disgraced in decent company on Cheltenham reappearance when 17½l 5th to Calapaez (2m, good to firm).
**KRUGGERAN SMUGGLER** was a promising 12½l 4th to *Sir's At The Gin on Sandown hurdling bow* (2m, good).
**PRINCE OF DIAMONDS** 15½l 7th of 18 to ELFAST on hurdling debut over course and distance.
**PRISCILLIAN** showed best form last term when ½l 2nd to Old Eros at *Ludlow* (2m, good).
**Selection: LALITPOUR**

## TOWCESTER

### Selections
By Mandarin

1.0 Inde Pulse. 1.30 Tenesaint. 2.0 Caoran Mona. 2.30 Godfather's Gift. 3.0 Nick The Brief. 3.30 Rix Woodcock.

**Going: good**

**1.0 MILTON KEYNES CITY NOVICES HURDLE** (£890: 2m 5f 26yd) (18 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0F | DIANES DESTINY 12 J Costello 4-10-10 | P Harley (7) | |
| 2 | 00 | DON'T YER KNOW 39 P Hedger 4-10-10 | M Richards | |
| 3 | P-PP | ELVERCOME 30 A J Wilson 7-10-10 | S Cowley | |
| 4 | /20- | GOOD WORD 235 I Matthews 6-10-10 | T Luhmenschoss | |
| 5 | -P50 | HATPENNY BRIDGE 16 N Ayliffe 5-10-10 | M Ayliffe | |
| 6 | 2-23 | INDE PULSE 15 (BF) N Henderson 6-10-10 | J Osborne | |
| 7 | 0/0- | KYLEMAKELL 278 T Casey 7-10-10 | K Doolan | |
| 8 | | LEAGAUNE T Casey 6-10-10 | Gee Armytage | |
| 9 | 0- | MY PILOT 245 G Balding 4-10-10 | R Guest | |
| 10 | 0B | ON HIS OWN 16 N Mitchell 5-10-10 | N Coleman | |
| 11 | 0- | PLOUGH MONDAY 331 P Mitchell 5-10-10 | R Bevan | |
| 12 | PP-F | SAN OVAC 14 C Brooks 5-10-10 | B de Haan | |
| 13 | 60-F | THIS NETTLE DANGER 15 J Glover 4-10-10 | R Stronge | |
| 14 | 23P- | WOODLANDS GENPOWER 256 P Pritchard 6-10-10 | R Stronge | |
| 15 | 0-0U | BATCHWORTH GIRL 3 R Morris 5-10-5 | T Wall | |
| 16 | 3032 | HASTY SARAH 14 W Brooks 4-10-5 | D Gallagher | |
| 17 | 00-P | SARA LANE 37 N Ayliffe 4-10-5 | — | |
| 18 | 00-0 | TOWER BAY 25 Mrs S Gill 4-10-5 | — | |

4-6 Inde Pulse, 4-1 Hasty Sarah, 7-1 My Pilot, 8-1 Kylemakill, 10-1 Good Word, 14-1 My Pilot, 16-1 others.

**1.30 IDEAL HOMES THAMES HANDICAP CHASE** (£1,952: 2m 5f 110yd) (3)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 6-P1 | *TENESAINT 9 (CD,F,G,S) C Saunders 7-11-13* | Mrs J Saunders | |
| 2 | 6324 | AUNTIE DOT 7 (F,G,S) J Webber 7-11-12 | G Mernagh | |
| 3 | 002- | GREENORE PRIDE 200 (CD,G,S) P Burgoyne 11-10-3 | A Charlton (4) | |

*4-5 Tenesaint, 7-4 Auntie Dot, 7-2 Greenore Pride.*

**2.0 WILCON HOMES NOVICES HURDLE** (3-Y-O: £1,507: 2m) (15)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | CAORAN MONA 70 (D,F) R Curtis 10-12 | R Goldstein | |
| 2 | 144 | KING OF THE RING 7 (B,D,F) J Sutcliffe 10-12 | Dale McKeown | |
| 3 | S06 | BATTLEPLAIN 9 (V) K Morgan 10-7 | J Railton (7) | |
| 4 | 0 | DISCO DUKE 14 A Moore 10-7 | G Moore | |
| 5 | 0 | GLEN OAK 44 J Roberts 10-7 | L Harvey | |
| 6 | 6 | MICHAEL THE GREAT 10 J Joseph 10-7 | A Jones | |
| 7 | 0 | SHARPFORD 23 D Browning 10-7 | J Akehurst | |
| 8 | 0 | SHOT AND SHELL 36 G Enright 10-7 | R Rowe | |
| 9 | | SOBRIRANDO 139F J Ringer 10-7 | S McNeill | |
| 10 | | TWO TOTAL 46F S Dow 10-7 | R Guest | |
| 11 | 00 | WARRIOR'S PROMISE 28 D Williams 10-7 | — | |
| 12 | 0 | DESERT PALM 21 R Hodges 10-2 | W Irvine (4) | |
| 13 | 400 | LOVE ON THE ROCKS 14 R Morris 10-2 | T Wall | |
| 14 | 06 | STRONG LANGUAGE 10 (B) M Madgwick 10-2 | H Davies | |
| 15 | | TRAVEL MUSIC 51F D Wellcome 10-2 | M Bazzard | |

5-4 King Of The Ring, 11-4 Caoran Mona, 7-1 Battleplain, 8-1 Desert Palm, 12-1 Strong Language, 16-1 others.

## Course specialists

**TRAINERS:** G Kindersley, *4 winners from 14 runners, 28.6%*; C Vernon Miller, 4 from 15, 26.7%; S Christian, 13 from 50, 26.0%; N Henderson, 15 from 62, 24.2%; J King, 5 from 32, 15.6%; J Gifford, 12 from 82, 14.6%.
**JOCKEYS:** A Charlton, 3 winners from 13 rides, 23.1%; B de Haan, 7 from 42, 16.7%; L Harvey, 6 from 40, 15.0%; S Smith Eccles, 5 from 42, 11.9%; H Davies, 12 from 101, 11.9%; Gee Armytage, 3 from 29, 10.3%.

**2.30 MAILCOM HANDICAP CHASE** (£2,022: 3m 190yd) (7)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1-26 | GOODMAN POINT 24 (BF,F,G,S) S Christian 9-11-10 | Mr G Upton (7) | |
| 2 | 1000 | *ST WILLIAM 16 (F,G,S) R Hodges 11-10-11* | *N Davies* | |
| 3 | -U53 | WESTERN TINT 14 (F) Miss L Bower 8-10-7 | Mr C Barnett-Wells (7) | |
| 4 | /U2 | LIMAVADY 19 (D) Mrs E Heath 9-10-4 | Mr P Harding-Jones (4) | |
| 5 | 1141 | GODFATHER'S GIFT 50 (D,F) G Ham 6-10-2 | S McNeill | |
| 6 | PP-2 | KINGTOR 28 (S) D Barons 7-10-1 | N Hawke (7) | |
| 7 | PP5- | WOODLANDS LAD 198 (D,S) P Pritchard 13-10-0 | R Stronge | |

5-2 Godfather's Gift, 3-1 Kingtor, 7-2 Goodman Point, 6-1 *Western Tint, 8-1 St Wilbam, 12-1 others.*

**3.0 EROSTIN GROUP NOVICES CHASE** (£2,380: 2m 5f 110yd) (16)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2341 | TEWTRELL LAD 8 (F) J Sukovets 5-11-11 | J D Doyle | |
| 2 | 22PP | PALMER'S GOLD 35 (F) R Peacock 7-11-7 | S Smith Eccles | |
| 3 | -3P4 | ANOTHER SEEKER 16 (F,G,S) C Brooks 6-11-0 | B de Haan | |
| 4 | 00-0 | *ANOTHER TROUP 15 R Townsend 6-11-0* | Mr D Townsend (7) | |
| 5 | | BALLYBEGGAR B Preece 8-11-0 | D Gallagher | |
| 6 | /0F | CHILLI SAUCE 15 G Balding 7-11-0 | A Charlton (4) | |
| 7 | 511- | ENVOPAK TOKEN 220 (F,G

IAN STEWART



Eyes on the ball: the concentration and balance which helped make a world champion

**Childhood of the Champions:** rackets player James Male

# A talent which took a surprise option

## Are champions born or made? Few possess James Male's natural gifts, as **Mick Cleary** discovered

The small, hard-cored ball went whizzing past the left ear of 13-year-old James Male, who watched it thud into the rear wall and reflected: "Another inch to the right and that would have taken my eye out. This looks like good fun." He promptly threw away his squash and tennis gear and took to what he considered to be a real sport — rackets.

"It is quite simply the most thrilling game I have ever played," he enthuses. If love of a sport is a pre-requisite of success then it was perhaps no surprise when last March, at the age of 23, Male beat Willie Boone of the United States 6-1 to become the youngest world rackets champion this century.

Rackets is something of an unique sport; there are only about 25 courts in the country. Put simply it is an accelerated version of squash played on a court approximately three times the size. Fittingly, James Male is something of a unique person.

What sets him apart is that he is ambidextrous. There is no weaker side to his game: he simply switches hands as he switches sides for service. As a schoolboy cricketer he was a proficient right-hand batsman and an accomplished left-arm bowler. He plays golf right-handed to a handicap of 10 and has only recently dropped his double-handed grip in rackets, a style which won him numerous schoolboy tennis titles.

Indeed, if it had not been for the irresistible lure of rackets, James Male might have become part of that distinguished line of great British Tennis Failures. He won the national preparatory schools doubles title and, whilst at Radley, he twice represented Great Britain. At the age of 16 he partnered the rugby union international, Andrew Harriman, to the Public Schools doubles championship and was only ever a whisker behind Jeremy Bates in the national rankings.

"What might have been," he now muses. "I would have loved to have played professional sport, just to see how good I actually was. In fact, during a year I spent at a school in Cincinnatti on leaving Radley, I was offered a scholarship by the University of Florida. After a lot of deliberation I turned it down.

"A bit of a coward's decision I suppose. I was afraid that there was not much future for a failed tennis player. It was Big Bang time in the City so I opted for some ready money instead."

Male's proficiency at tennis was remarkable in that he never gave it more than an eight week thrash in the summer holidays. From the age of 13 rackets was his all-consuming passion. He found the pace of the game quite exhilarating, with the solid one-inch ball ricocheting off the walls at speeds up to 170 mph. Unlike the metronomic line and length pattern of most top class squash matches, rackets is very much a cut and thrust duel, with the players dropping the ball short or cutting it sharply off the back walls. Either that or blistering it down the side walls.

Male took to it instantly. Under the expert tutelage of Radley's coach, Mike Dean, he won the national colts singles at the age of 15 and took the Public Schools title three years later. "James's great asset" says Dean, "was his superb footwork and lightning reflexes. Like all great champions he was also prepared to work extremely hard at his game."

Male had inherited the fine hand and eye co-ordination of his father, who had won several lawn tennis titles himself as a schoolboy. From somewhere else he insists comes a fiery, competitive temperament which, at times, used to boil over into unsavoury outbursts. "I only really exploded when playing tennis, and very rarely at school," he says. "I soon realised that poor behaviour would not be tolerated in rackets, and perhaps because the game itself is so much faster and more aggressive, particularly in doubles, I found that I had no energy left for tantrums."

It was surprising that he had any energy left for his studies either. Quite apart from his rackets he played centre for the first XV, was captain of the hockey team and was an all-rounder in the first XI. Nonetheless he picked up nine O levels and two A levels before embarking on his year in the United States on an English Speaking Union scholarship.

There Male was too far from a court to practise but his inate talent suffered little from the enforced sabbatical. Within three years he was world champion, and is understandably favourite to take the British Amateur Singles championship, which begins at Queen's Club next Thursday.



**Double-fisted tearaway: a fiery handful as a schoolboy**

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### Barclays League

**First division**

Charlton v Nottingham F
Coventry v A Villa
Derby v Arsenal
Liverpool v Wimbledon
Middlesbrough v Sheffield Wed
Norwich v Luton
Southampton v Millwall
Tottenham v QPR
West Ham v Everton

**Second division**

Barnsley v Bournemouth
Birmingham v Ipswich
Blackburn v Portsmouth
Brighton v Sunderland
Chelsea v Shrewsbury
Leeds v Stoke
Leicester v Bradford
Manchester C v *Oxford*
Plymouth v Oldham
Swindon v Walsall
Watford v Hull
*WBA v C Palace*

**Third division**

Blackpool v Swansea
*Bolton v Northampton*
Bristol R v Bury
Chester v Southend
Mansfield v Aldershot
*Notts Co v Gillingham*
P Vale v Fulham
Reading v Chesterfield
Sheffield Utd v Bristol C
Wigan v Huddersfield
Wolverhampton v Preston

**Fourth division**

Cambridge v Leyton Orient
Carlisle v Grimsby
Doncaster v Burnley
Hartlepool v Exeter
Hereford v Rotherham
Lincoln v Halifax
Rochdale v York
*Scarborough v Wrexham*
Scunthorpe v Torquay

**OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION (2.0):** Arsenal v Southampton (3.0); Ipswich v Tottenham; Luton v Queen's Park Rangers.

**SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE:** Bangor v Carrick; Cliftonville v Ards; Coleraine v Crusaders; Distillery v Ballymena; Glentoran v Glenavon; Larne v Portadown; Limfield v Newry.

**VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division:** *Barking v Windsor and Eton*; Bishop's Stortford v Carshalton; Croydon v Dagenham; Grays v Tooting and Mitcham; Harrow v Bromley; Kingstonian v Leyton-Wingate; Leytonstone-Ilford v Hendon; Marlow v Hayes; Slough v St Albans; Wokingham v Farnborough. **First division:** Basildon v Lewes; Boreham Wood v Basingstoke; Chesham v Leatherhead; Metropolitan Police v Kingsbury, Uxbridge v Bracknell; Walton and Hersham v Hitchin; Wembley v Worthing; Wivenhoe v Hampton; Woking v Staines. **Second division north:** *Hemel Hempstead v Stevenage*; Horndurch v Clapton; Rainham v Barton; Vauxhall Motors v Billericay; Wolverton v Hertford; Ware v Aveley. **Second division south:** Egham v Newbury; Feltham v Ruislip Manor, Petersfield v Banstead Athletic.

**HFS LOANS LEAGUE: President's Cup: First round, second leg** (*first leg score in brackets*): Hyde (1) v Worksop (1); South Liverpool (1) v Morecambe (0). **First division:** Accrington Stanley v Bishop Auckland; Altrincham v Congleton; Harrogate Town v Eastwood Town; Lancaster City v Sutton Town; Netherfield v Radcliffe Borough v Leek; Workington v Winsford

**BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE:** *Premier division:* Alvechurch v Cambridge City; Ashford v Burton; Bromsgrove v Dover; Corby v Leicester United; Dartford v Worcester; Fareham v Merthyr; Gosport v Bedworth; Moor Green v Crawley; Redditch v Dorchester; VS Rugby v Weekstone; Warrenby v Bath. **Midland division:** Banbury v Halesowen; *Boston v Atherstone; Gloucester v Dudley*; Grantham v Forest Green; Nuneaton Borough v Willenhall, Stourbridge v Ashtree Highfield; Sutton Coldfield v Coventry Sporting; Wellingborough v Hednesford; King's Lynn v Mile Oak. **Southern division:** Andover v Thanet; Buckingham v Chelmsford; Dunstable v Burnham; Poole v Erith and Belvedere; Ruislip v Canterbury; *Tonbridge v Trowbridge*; Witney v Folkestone; Salisbury v Gravesend and Northfleet.

**ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division:** *Abergavenny v Aberystwyth, Barry v Brecon; Bridgend v AFC Cardiff; Cwmbran v Briton Ferry; Haverfordwest v Pembroke; Maesteg v Pontlanfraith; Ton Pentre v Milford.*

### B and Q Scottish League

**Premier division**

*Dundee Utd v Hamilton*
Hibernian v Dundee
Motherwell v Hearts
Rangers v Aberdeen
St Mirren v Celtic

**First division**

Clydebank v Meadowbank
*Falkirk v Clyde*
Kilmarnock v Dunfermline
Partick v Airdrie
Queen of Sth v Morton
Raith v Forfar
St Johnstone v Ayr

**Second division**

Alloa v E Fife
Arbroath v Montrose
Berwick v E Stirling
Brechin v Albion
Cowdenbeath v Stenhsemuir
Queen's Park v Stirling
Stranraer v Dumbarton

**WELSH CUP:** Newtown v Shotton West.

**FA VASE: Second round:** Harrogate RA v Rossington Main (1.45); Garforth v Consett (2.0); Rowntree Mackintosh v *Dunston FB (2.0); South Shields v Morton* (2.0); Leyland Motors v Bridlington (2.0); Rossendale v Farsley; West Allotment v Ossett Town (2.0); Colne Dynamoes v Emley (2.0); Clitheroe v Whickham (2.0); Bingg v Droylsden (1.30); Guiseley v Curzon Ashton; Gainsborough v Borrowash Victoria; Hearne v Hatfield Main (2.0); Ilkeston v Belper (2.0); Eastwood Hanley v St Helens; Irlam v North Ferriby; Louth v Wythenshawe Amateurs; Poulton Victoria v Ashton (2.0); Vauxhall GM (Cheshire) v Warrington; Hinckley v *Boldmere St Michaels*; Paget Rangers v Stamford; Desborough v Halesowen Harriers; West Midlands Police v Gresley (2.0); Northfield v Racing Club Warwick (2.0); Tamworth v Bridgnorth; March v Rainworth MW; Wisbech v Rushden; Hoddesdon v Holbeach; Braintree v Royston; Tring v East Thurrock; Ford (London) v Bury (2.0); Great Yarmouth v Felixstowe; Burnham Ramblers v Eynesbury (2.0); Sudbury v Baldock; Stansted v Chesham; Berkhamsted v Witham; Harefield v Harlow; Wroxham v Fleet (2.0); Tilbury v *61 FC (Luton); Haverhill v* Selby; Abingdon v Bedlont (2.0); Horsham v Eastbourne Town (2.0); Ringmer v Hailsham; Hounslow v Sholing; Bicaster v *Chertsey* (2.0); Romsey v Hythe; Whitstable v Corinthian (2.0); Havant v Flackwell Heath; East Cowes Victoria v Thatcham; Beckenham v Burgess Hill (2.0); Whyteleafe v Hungerford; Yeading v Bashley (2.0); Wick v Abingdon Town (2.0); Malden Vale v Dargerth Heathside; Epsom and Ewell v Three Bridges (2.0); Newport IOW v Camberley; Falmouth v Bridport; Tiverton v Exmouth (2.0); Wellon v Old Georgians; Radstock v Chippenham; Clevedon v Devizes; Lawrence Weston Hallen v Paulton (2.0); Mangotsfield v Yate (2.0); Moreton v Dawlish.

**GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division:** Barnstaple v Minehead; Chard v Bideford; Liskeard v Plymouth Argyle; *Swanage and Herston v Saltash*; Torrington v Taunton; Weston-super-Mare v Frome.

**BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division:** Atherton LR v Colwyn Bay (2.15); Bootle v Knowsley (2.15); Darwen v Flixton; Ellesmere Port and Neston v Burscough; Prescot Cables v Formby (2.15); Salford v Skelmersdale (2.15).

**NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division:** Armthorpe Welfare v Hallam; Dansby v Long Eaton; Pontefract Collieries v Bridlington Trinity; Thackley v Ginnethorpe MW.

**SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division:** Arsenal v West Ham; Ipswich v Gillingham; Norwich v Cambridge; Queen's Park Rangers v Fulham; Southend v Chelsea; Tottenham v Millwall; Watford v Leyton Orient; Charlton v Portsmouth. **Second division:** Bromford v *Crystal Palace*; *Bristol City v Swindon*; Bristol Rovers v Southampton; Colchester v Oxford; Northampton v Tottenham; Wimbledon v Luton; Reading v Brighton.

**SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Second rounds:** Arundel v Shoreham (2.0); Bexhill v Hastings (2.0), Newhaven v Bognor Regis (2.0); Oakwood v Littlehampton; Seaford v Southwick (2.0); Steyning v Pagham; Whitehawk v Peacehaven.

**ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division:** Old Cholmeleians v Old Harrovians; Lancing Old Boys v Old Carthusians; Old *Malvernians v Old Brentwoods*; Old Reptonians v Old Salopians. **First division:** Old Aldenhamians v Old Ardinians; Old Citizens v Old Westminsters; Old Wellingtonians v Old Foresters.

### BASKETBALL

**NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division men:** Cheshire Jets v Brixton Topcats (7.30);

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Altrincham v Wycombe
*Aylesbury v Telford*
Barnet v Yeovil
Chorley v Maidstone
Fisher v Macclesfield
Kettering v Cheltenham
Runcorn v Newport
Stafford v Boston
Sutton Utd v Enfield
Weymouth v Northwich

### HFS Loans League

**Premier division**

Buxton v Witton
Fleetwood v Matlock
Frickley v Barrow
*Marine v Horwich*
Shepshed v Caernarfon
Southport v Gateshead
Stalybridge v Gainsborough

Plymouth Raiders v Corby Fliers (7.30); Stockport v Oxford Park (8.0). **First division women:** Crystal Palace v Ipswich (4.0); Kingston v Brixton Topcats (6.0); Tyneside v Cardiff (8.0).

### HOCKEY

**POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division:** Bromley v Harborne (Newstead Woods School, Orpington, 2.0); Cambridge City v Havant (Coldhams Common, Cambridge, 2.30); East Grinstead v Indian Gymkhana (Farlington School, Horsham, 2.15); Old Loughtonians v Slough (Chigwell, 2.15); Stourport v Wakefield (Grange Road, *Solihull, 2.0*); *Teddington v Isca* (Ditton Fields, 2.15); Warrington v Hounslow (Albert Park, Salford, 1.30); Welton v Southgate (Grove Sports Centre, Balderton, 3.0). **Second division:** *Bournville v* Peterborough (Shenley Court Leisure Centre, 2.45); Broxbourne v Cannock (Queenswood School, Hatfield, 2.0); Canterbury v Brean (Polo Farm Sports Club, 2.15); Coventry and North Warwickshire v Neston (Coventry School, 2.0); Gore Court v Guildford (Sittingbourne, 2.15); Reading v Westcliff (Bradfield College, 2.30); Richmond v Anchorians (Paddington Recreation Ground, 11.30); Taunton Vale v Doncaster (Moorfields, Taunton, 12.0).

**NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division:** Bishop's Stortford v Ford; Blueharts v Cambridgeshire Nomads; Harleston Magpies v Crostyx; Ipswich v Colchester; Norfolk Wanderers v West Herts; Norwich Grasshoppers v Bury St Edmunds; Welwyn Garden City v Bedford; Wisbech v Chelmsford.

**ARTHUR YOUNG MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division:** Bloxwich v Kidderminster; Derby v Wombourne; Pickwick v Leicester Westleigh; South Nottingham v Olton and West Warwickshire.

**PERRONI BEER SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division:** Amersham v Aylesbury; Eastcote v Marden Russets; Fareham v Lyons; Lewes v Dartford Hawks; Old Mid-Whigitians v Tunbridge Wells; Old Tauntonians v Bognor; Sevenoaks v Chichester; Winchester v Trojans.

**WOMEN: NatWest Essex League: First division:** Billericay v Chelmsford A; Havering v Redbridge. **Lloyds Bank Kent League: First division:** Ashford v Read; Canterbury v Burnt Ash; Gravesend v *Herne Bay*; Orpington v Belvedere; Sevenoaks v Bexleyheath.

### ICE HOCKEY

**HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division:** Ayr Bruins v Solihull Barons (7.0); Fife Flyers v Streatham Redskins (7.15); Nottingham Panthers v Durham Wasps (6.30).

### TABLE TENNIS

**LEEDS BRITISH LEAGUE:** Grove (Market Drayton) v Bathwick Tyres (Bath); Ormesby (Cleveland) v Armada 400 (Plymouth).

### VOLLEYBALL

**ROYAL BANK ENGLISH CUP: Men: Second round:** Liverpool City v Radio Trent Rockets; MGI Wessex v Maisry CLC; Speedwell Rucanor v Sheffield City Polytechnic; Staffordshire Moorlands v Roundwood; Star Aquila v Havant Pumas; Sunwor Essex Estonsen v Reebok Redwood Lodge; Time Out Spark v Team APS; WH Whate Poole v Hilton Leeds. **Women: First round:** Ashcombe Syenco v Roundwood; Loughborough Students v Chelmsford Partners; Sovereign Leasing Sale v Team Leicester Sound; Spark '88 v Southgate; Speedwell Bristol v Sunwor Essex Estonian.

**ROYAL BANK SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division men:** Bon Accord v Kinleith Plant; East Kilbride v Bellshill Cardinals; Elliott Sports Jets v DV-81; Su Ragazzu v Team Scotsish Farm; Team Fife v Team Krystal Klear.

### RUGBY UNION

**TOUR MATCH**

Barbarians v Australia (Cardiff, 2.15)

**COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**First division**

Bath v Wasps
Leicester v Harlequins
Moseley v Liverpool St Helens
Orrell v Nottingham (2.30)
Rosslyn Park v Bristol (2.30)
Waterloo v Gloucester (2.15)

**Second division**

Blackheath v Saracens (2.30)
Gosforth v London Scottish (2.30)
*Headingley v London Welsh (2.30)*
London Irish v Sale (2.30)
Northampton v Bedford
Richmond v Coventry (2.30)

**Third division**

Fylde v Exeter (2.30)
Nuneaton v Vale of Lune (2.30)
*Plymouth v Met Police (2.45)*
Rugby v Maidstone
Sheffield v Askeans (2.30)
West Hartlepool v Wakefield

**Area north**

Lichfield v Durham City (2.30)
Northern v Morley (2.30)
Preston G v Broughton Pk (2.30)
Roundhay v Birmingham (2.30)
Stoke v Stourbridge

**Area south**

Lydney v Havant
Redruth v Sudbury (2.45)
Salisbury v Cheltenham (2.30)
Sidcup v Camborne (2.30)
Southend v Ealing (2.30)

**LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: First division:** Ipswich v Basingstoke; Lewes v *Guildford and Godalming*; North Walsham v Streatham/Croydon; Old Gaytonians v Sutton and Epsom; US Portsmouth v Dartfordians. **Second division north:** Barking v Grasshoppers; Bishop's Stortford v Old Merchant Taylors; Norwich v Hertford; Thurrock v Cheshunt; Upper Clapton v Old Albanians. **Second division south:** Esher v KCS Old Boys; Gravesend v Worthing; Old Brockleians v Old Alleynian; Purley v Camberley; Tunbridge Wells v Old Mid-Whigitians. **Third division north east:** Cambridge v Ipswich YMCA; Eton Manor v Brentwood; Metropolitan Police (Chigwell) v Colchester; Old Westcliffians v Saffron Walden; West Norfolk v Old Cantabrigian. **Third division north west:** *Bacavians v Mill Hill*; Hemel Hempstead v Hendon; Finchley v Kingsbunan; Letchworth v Harrow; St Mary's Hospital v Fullerians. **Third division south:** Bognor v Old Whitgiftians; Charlton Park v Old Becostemians; Crawley v East Grinstead; Horsham v Old Juddian; Old Colfeians v Westcombe Park. **Third division south west:** Eastleigh v Winchester; Gosport and Fareham v Jersey; Guy's Hospital v Alton; Old Emanuel v Old Guildfordians; Old Whigitians v Old Walcoumians.

**MIDLANDS: First division:** *Hereford v* Wolverhampton; Mansfield v Solihull; Newark v Walsall; Stockwood Park v Bromsgrove; Westleigh v Basford; Butts. **Second division east:** Kettering v Lincoln; Leighton Buzzard v Moderns; Peterborough v Hinckley; Syston v Stoneygate; Vipers v Stewart and Lloyds. **Second division west:** Burton v Sutton Coldfield; Oaxonians v *Stafford*; *Old Yardleians v* Newbold; Tamworth v Dudley Kingswinford; Worcester v Bedworth. **East Midlands/Leicestershire:** Belgrave v Aylestone St James; Loughborough v Long Buckby; Luton v Bedford Athletic; Northampton Trinity v Oadby Wyggestonians; Wellingborough v Wigston. **North Midlands: First division:** Kidderminster Carolians v Kings Norton; Luctonians v Bridgnorth; Malvern v Old Halesonians; Shrewsbury v Newport; Whitchurch v Evesham, Nottinghamshire, *Lincolnshire and Derbyshire: First division:* East Retford v Glossop; Kesteven v Chesterfield; Melksh v Amber Valley; Scunthorpe v West Bridgford; Stamford v Worksop. **Staffordshire/Warwickshire:** Leamington v Stratford; Nuneaton OE v Kenelsley; Old Leamingtonians v Wilnecote; Old Longtonians v Leek; Trentham v Stoke Old Boys.

**NORTH: First division:** Aspatria v Kendal; Birkenhead Park v Wigton; Harrogate v Hull and ER; Hartlepool Rovers v Tynedale; West Park v Halifax. **Second division:** Bradford and Bingley v Lymm; Middlesbrough v Alnwick; New Brighton v Huddersfield; Wharfedale v Davenport; Widnes v Sandal. **North east: First division:** Morpeth v Stockton; Novocastrians v Blaydon; Old Brodleians v Westoe; Old Crossleyans v Gateshead Fell; Rotherham v Thornensians. **Second division:** Old Hymerians v Roundhegians; Corsham v Wootton Bassett; Marlborough v Bracknell; REME Arborfield v Devizes; Sherborne v Aldermaston. *Buckinghamshire/Oxfordshire: First division:* Beaconsfield v Milton Keynes; Bicester v Chinnor; Buckingham v Chiltern; Drifters v Grove; Witney v Littlemore.

***CLUB MATCHES***

Abertillery v Torquay (11.0)
Harrogate v Hull and ER
Newbridge v Bridgend
S Wales Police v Stroud (2.30)

**McEWAN'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE First division (2.0)**

Glasgow A v Glasgow H/Kelvinside
Hawick v W of Scotland
Jed-Forest v Heriot's FP
Melrose v Boroughmuir
Selkirk v Ayr
Stewart's Mel FP v Kelso
Watsonians v Edinburgh Acads

**SECOND DIVISION:** Corstophine v Portobello FP; Dalziel HS FP v Kelmarnock; Dunfermline v Musselburgh; Gala v Edinburgh Wanderers; Hillhead-Jordanhill v Howe of Fife; Langholm v Preston Lodge FP; Stirling County v Currie. **Third division:** East Kilbride v Biggar Gordonians v Trinity Academicals; Greenock Wanderers v Dundee HS FP; Highland v Aberdeen GS FP; Morgan Academy FP v Haddington; Royal High v Kirkcaldy.

**LONDON AND SOUTH EAST:** Club matches: Newbury v Woodford; Old Gravesendians v Bromley; Rustlip v Old *Reigatian; Sevenoaks v Chichester.*

**NORTH:** Club matches: Aerobronians v Sheffield University; Manchester University v Hull University; Matlock v Keighley; Northallerton v Durham City Saracens; Wath-on-Dearne v West Park Bramhope; Whitehaven v Leigh.

**WEST:** Club match: Tiverton v Sidmouth.

**IRELAND: Ulster: Senior club:** Ards v Queen's University; Bangor v Old Belvedere; Dungannon v Carrick; Malone v City of Derry; Ballina v Armagh; Bohemians v Collegians; Highfield v Academy; Old Crescent v NIFC; Ballymena v Lansdowne; CIYMS v Monkstown; Instonians v Bective Rangers; Portadown v Connaughts, Leinster: Senior club: Blackrock College v Old Wesley, Clontarf v Dublin University; Wanderers v Greystones

### RUGBY LEAGUE

**JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY: Second round:** Wigan v Halifax (2.15).

**RODSTOCK NATIONAL AMATEUR LEAGUE (2.30):** Woolston v Haworth. **League Cup: Preliminary round:** Milom v Wigan St Patricks.

### LACROSSE

***SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: Senior Flags: Second round:*** Cambridge University v Kenton.

**BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division:** Heaton Mersey v Stockport; Old Waconians v Cheadle; Rochdale v Old *Hulmeians*; Sale v Sheffield University; Sneffield v Timperley

### OTHER SPORT

***ATHLETICS:*** Presto cross-country international (Gateshead).

**BADMINTON:** Scottish open (Edinburgh).

**CURLING:** Edinburgh international.

**JUDO:** European junior championships (Glasgow).

**MODERN PENTATHLON:** National biathlon championships (Dunfermline).

**NETBALL:** England v New Zealand (Wembley Arena).

**ORIENTEERING:** British night championships (King's Lynn)

**SKATING:** British ice-dance championship (National Exhibition Centre, *Birmingham*).

**SNOOKER:** Tennent's United Kingdom championship (Preston).

**SQUASH RACKETS:** InterCity National championships (Bristol).

**SWIMMING:** TSB Welsh winter championships (Newport); BUSF championships (Darlington)

**TENNIS:** Prudential national championships (Queen's Club, West Kensington).

## TOMORROW

### Barclays League

**First division**

Newcastle v Manchester Utd (3.05)

**REPRESENTATIVE MATCH:** Army XI v Territorial Army XI (Military Stadium, Aldershot, 11.0).

### RUGBY UNION

**CLUB MATCH:** Cheltenham v Artisans.

### RUGBY LEAGUE

**JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY: Second round:** Castleford v Bradford (3.30); Chorley v Hull KR; Leigh v Doncaster (3.30); St Helens v Hull, Sheffield v Widnes (3.15); *Wakefield* v Rochdale (3.30); Warrington v Bramley

**STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP:** Salford v Leeds (2.30). **Second division:** Fulham v York (2.30); Huddersfield v Workington (3.30); Keighley v Hunslet (3.15); Mansfield v Dewsbury (3.15); Whitehaven v Swinton (3.30).

### BASKETBALL

**NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division men:** Birmingham Bullets v Worthing Bears (5.0); Bristol Topcats v Tower Hamlets (4.0); Oldham Celtics v Gateshead (5.30). **First division women:** London YMCA v London Jets (2.0); Northampton v Nottingham Wildcats (3.30); Sheffield Hatters v Stockport (4.0).

### HANDBALL

**BRITISH LEAGUE (men):** EK '82 v Birkenhead (2.0); Kirkby Select v Wakefield (4.0); Leicester '73 v Great Dane (12.30); Manchester United SSS v Strathclyde University (3.0).

**BRITISH LEAGUE (women):** Halewood Town v Wakefield Metros (2.0).

### HOCKEY

**POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division:** Harbourne v Welton (Hadley Stadium, Smeatharick, 1.0). **NATIONWIDE ANGLIA CUP: Fourth round:** *Indian Gymkhana v Warrington* (Feltham School, 2.0); Bromley v Alderley Edge (Newstead Wood School, Orpington, 1.0); Broxbourne v Richmond (Broxbourne Club, 1.30); Cambridge v Stourport (Coldhams Common, 11.45); Hounslow v Fleet (Feltham School, 2.0); Isca v Cannock (County Cricket Ground, Exeter, 1.30); Brean v Taunton Vale (Taunton School, 2.0); Old Loughtonians v Trojans (Chigwell, 1.30); Bournville v Tulse Hill (Reddich Club, 1.45); Neston v Ipswich (The Furs, Manchester, 2.15); *Guildford v Harleston Magpies* (Cranleigh School, 12.0); Oxford Hawks v Teddington (North Oxford Sports Club, 1.30); Havant v Chelmsford (Havant College, 1.30); Firebrands v Wakefield (Bristol University, 11.45); Bloxwich v Reading (Burntwood, Walsall, 2.30); St Albans v Slough (Woodside Leisure Centre, 1.30).

### ICE HOCKEY

**HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division:** Durham Wasps v Peterborough Pirates (6.30), Murrayfield Racers v Solihull Barons (6.30); Tayside Tigers v Streatham Redskins (7.0); Whitley Warriors v Ayr Bruins (6.30).

### TABLE TENNIS

**LEEDS BRITISH LEAGUE:** Ashford (Middlesex) v Bayer Bradford Unity; Bathwick Tyres (Bath) v Armada 400 (Plymouth); *Grove* (Market Drayton) v Butterfly Cardiff; Ormesby (Cleveland) v Chan Construcion (Birmingham).

### OTHER SPORT

**CURLING:** Edinburgh international.

**MARTIAL ARTS:** Budokwai 70th anniversary festival: Judo: England v West *Germany*; Karate: England v Spain (Albert Hall, 6.0).

**MODERN PENTATHLON:** National biathlon championships (Dunfermline).

**MOTOR SPORT:** *Winter championship* races (Brands Hatch); Rallycross international (Cadwell Park).

**ORIENTEERING:** National event (*Sheringham, Norfolk*).

**SNOOKER:** Tennent's United Kingdom championship (Preston).

**SQUASH RACKETS:** InterCity National championships (*Bristol*).

**SWIMMING:** TSB Welsh winter championships (Newport); BUSF championships (Darlington).

## SPORT ON TV

**GRANDSTAND: BBC1** 12.15-5.05 p.m.: **Motor Sport:** Lombard RAC rally. **Racing:** 12.45, 1.15 and 1.50 races from Newbury. **Snooker:** Tennent's United Kingdom Professional championship from Preston. **Rugby Union: Barbarians v Australia:** Live coverage from Cardiff. **Rugby League:** John Player Special Trophy: Second half coverage of Wigan v Halifax. **Final score:** 4.40 p.m.

**ICE SKATING: ITV** 2.15-4.15 p.m.: **Skate Electric British** ice dance championships: Live coverage from National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

**RALLY REPORT: BBC2** 8.50-9.15 p.m.: Lombard RAC rally: Highlights (see also *Grandstand*).

**SAINT AND GREAVSIE: ITV** 1.05-1.35 p.m. **Results service:** 4.45 p.m.

**SNOOKER: BBC2** 4.40-6.20 p.m. **BBC1** 10.45 p.m.-12.15 a.m.: **Tennent's United Kingdom Professional championship:** The final from Preston (see also Grandstand).

**SURFING: ITV** 12.25-1 a.m. (*Tomorrow*): United Kingdom Surfmasters from Fistral Beach, Newquay.

*TOMORROW*

**AMERICAN FOOTBALL: C4** 5.45-7 p.m.: National Football League: Highlights of San Francisco 49ers v Washington Redskins.

**FOOTBALL: ITV** 3-5.05 p.m.: **The Match:** Live coverage of Newcastle United v Manchester United from St James's Park.

**MOTOR SPORT: ITV** 3-5 a.m. (Monday): Indy-Car racing: Miami Indi challenge.

**RUGBY SPECIAL: BBC2** 5.05-6.05 p.m.: Highlights of *Barbarians v Australia* from Cardiff and a League match in the Courage Clubs Championship: First division.

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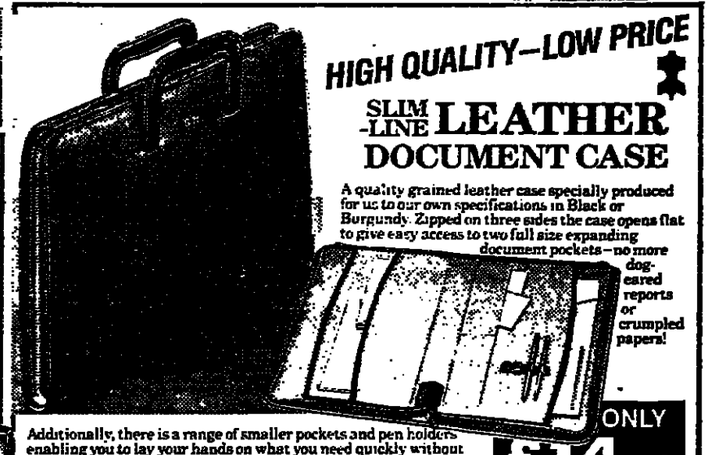
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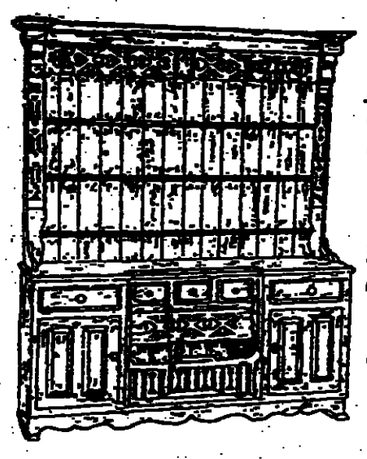
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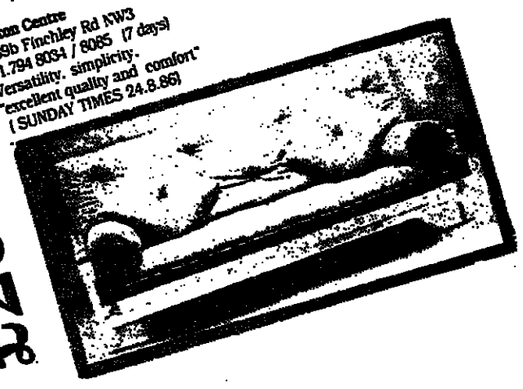


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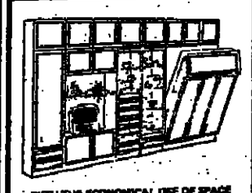
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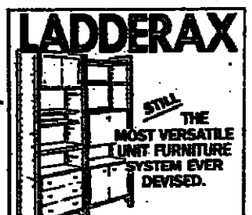
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[Judgment November 18]

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An immigration officer therefore acted unfairly in refusing her leave to re-enter, and misdirected himself for the purposes of rule 58 of the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (1983) (HC 169) by failing to take into account as relevant circumstances both that she had received such assurances and that by refusing her leave to re-enter, her right of appeal against his decision could only be exercised from outside the UK, thereby depriving her of her right of appeal, exercisable within the UK, against the implied refusal of her original application to extend time.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by Adetutu Iyabode Oloniluyi from Mr Justice Macpherson who had refused her application for judicial review of a decision of an immigration officer, upheld by the Home Secretary, refusing her leave to re-enter the UK and the consequential directions made for her removal.

Mr Alper Riza for the applicant; Mr Philip Havers for the Home Secretary.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that if an intending visitor to the UK was refused leave to enter on arrival, his right of appeal against that decision under section 13 of the Immigration Act 1971 only arose after he had left the country.

However, if leave to enter were granted, but the visitor sought to appeal against its length or a condition attached to it, his right of appeal lay under section 14 of the Act and was exercisable from within the UK, any time limit being automatically extended pending the determination of such an appeal.

However, if a visitor whose leave to remain had some time still to run were to leave the country, if only for a day trip, his leave became void, and on his return he was treated as once again being an intending visitor with the more limited right of appeal.

The applicant was born and educated in Nigeria. She came to the UK in June 1985 and was given leave to enter and remain for six months. Before her leave expired she enrolled for a two-year course and applied in December 1985 to extend her leave to enable her to complete it.

In November 1986, having heard nothing of her application, and wishing to return home for the Christmas holidays, she took the initiative by visiting Lunar House in Croydon, a major office of the immigration branch of the Home Office.

Her version of her discussion with an official there was uncontradicted. He had extended her leave to remain until January 31, 1987, telling her that she would have no problem about returning to the country after her holiday.

He told her that new visa regulations which might come into effect while she was away would cause no difficulty as he would stamp her passport as "visa exempt". That he did, also endorsing it with a section 3(3)(b) endorsement to the effect that the limitation on and conditions attaching to her current leave would apply to any subsequent leave granted to her after an absence from the country within the period of the earlier leave.

She left the UK in December 1986, returning on January 6, 1987. Because she had been told that she would have no re-entry problems, she did not have with her the relevant documents to show that she had been accepted on a course of studies, or that her fees had been paid.

The immigration officer refused her leave on the ground that he was not satisfied that she was genuine student. The minister affirmed the decision stating that arrangements would be made for her removal.

Nowhere in either decision was there any reference to her alleged conversations at Lunar House or to the "visa exempt" stamp and section 3(3)(b) endorsement on her passport.

The question therefore arose whether the applicant had been treated unfairly by being refused leave to re-enter after a legitimate expectation had been created that she would have no problem in returning.

The question also arose whether the Home Secretary and the immigration officer misdirected themselves in law in failing to take into account both that factor and that, faced with the choice of allowing her to re-enter for the remainder of her original leave, or a shorter period, or of refusing her leave, by adopting the latter course they thereby deprived her of a section 14 right of appeal against the implied refusal of her application of December 1985 which should have been determined long before her departure for Christmas in 1986.

When she had returned in January 1987 the immigration officer was bound by rule 58 of HC 169 which provided that a passenger whose stay was subject to a time limit and who returned from a temporary absence abroad had no claim to be admitted as a returning resident.

His application was to be dealt with in the light of all the relevant circumstances, the same time limit and any conditions attached might be re-imposed, or it might be more appropriate to treat him as a new arrival.

His Lordship was inclined to think that it would only be appropriate to treat a returning visitor as a new arrival if that would lead to his being treated more favourably than would otherwise be the case, or if it were clear that he was returning in a new capacity, or if information was available which would have justified a revocation of the earlier leave.

In the present case the applicant was returning in the same capacity as that in which she had left, namely as a visitor who had applied for a student extension and no information appeared to have come to light to justify any revocation of the earlier leave.

The relevant circumstances would therefore clearly include the fact that when she left she had the outstanding application which, if refused would have given her a right of appeal under section 14 , her passport had been stamped "visa exempt" and endorsed with the section 3(3)(b) endorsement.

Even without taking account of the Lunar House assurances, those factors would indicate to the average visitor that there would be no problem in her re-entering. However, none of those factors seemed to have been taken into account.

His Lordship would therefore allow the appeal on the ground that the decisions were reached unfairly and involved a failure to take account of relevant circumstances contrary to rule 58.

Lord Justice Dillon delivered a judgment concurring in the result and Lord Justice Staughton agreed with both judgments.

Solicitors: B. M. Birnberg & Co, Southwark; Treasury Solicitor.

# Council was convicted and sentenced

**Regina v Inner London Crown Court, Ex parte Bentham**

Before Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Auld

[Judgment November 22]

Where, on a complaint made by an individual under section 99 of the Public Health Act 1936, a magistrates' court had made a nuisance order against a local authority under section 94(2)(a) of that Act, that council had been "convicted or sentenced", so as to make that individual eligible, by virtue of section 28(5) of the Legal Aid Act 1974, for a grant of legal aid for the purpose of resisting an appeal by the local authority to the crown court.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in quashing the decision of the Inner London Crown Court, made by a letter dated April 12, 1988, refusing to reconsider an application for legal aid made by Katherine Auguiste Bentham.

Mr Terence Gallivan for the applicant; the Inner London Crown Court was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE MANN said that the applicant and her three children lived in a flat owned by the London Borough of Hackney and which suffered from condensation.

As a result of a complaint made by her under section 99 of the 1936 Act, Highbury Corner Magistrates' Court had on September 10, 1987 made a nuisance order against the council, namely, an order requiring it to carry out certain works to her flat, so as to prevent a recurrence of a statutory nuisance there.

No fine (as provided for under the section) had been imposed, but the council had been ordered to contribute £750 towards the applicant's costs. Her eligibility for legal aid, to enable her to appear at the hearing of the council's appeal against that order, depended on whether the council had on that occasion been "convicted and sentenced" within the meaning of section 28(5) of the Legal Aid Act 1974.

Over the years there had been a number of decisions dealing with Part III of the Public Health Act 1936.

In giving the leading judgment of the Divisional Court in *R v Newham East Justices, Ex parte Hunt; R v Oxted Justices, Ex parte Franklin* ([1976] 1 WLR 420, 422) Mr Justice Kilner Brown had observed that questions of civil jurisdiction should be initiated by complaint, and of criminal jurisdiction by way of information and summons, but had added:

"It is also clear on the authority of *Northern Ireland Trailers v Preston Corporation* ([1972] 1 WLR 203) that the effect of section 94(2) of the Public Health Act 1936 is to invoke the possibility of a fine and therefore has to be considered as a penal section of the Act. If this subsection is called into being, it should therefore be initiated by information and summons."

The judge had observed (at p 424) "the proper interpretation of [section 99] leads to the conclusion that the individual can by information invoke section 94. Whereas in the past it has . . . been done by complaint, once the question calls for decision . . . by this court it seems to me that the justices were wrong to hold that this was a civil process."

In the *Northern Ireland Trailers* case, Mr Justice Ashworth had remarked (at p209) that the use of the word "fine" in section 94(2) went a long way to establishing that failure to comply with an abatement notice under section 94 was an offence, and had cited from Lord Chief Justice Goddard's judgment in *Brown v Allweather Mechanical Grouting Co* ([1954] 2 QB 443, 446):

"It is true that there is a general rule that if the word 'penalty' is used in a section as distinct from the word 'fine', the penalty must be sought and recovered as a debt in a civil court, whereas a fine is a penalty imposed by a criminal court, and always goes to the Crown."

Mr Justice Bridge (at p210) had expressed himself persuaded, by the same considerations, that an offence in contravention of section 94(2) was indeed a criminal offence.

On analysis, therefore, proceedings initiated under section 99 and dealt with under section 94(2) were criminal in character — the offence being the wrongdoing which led to whatever order was in fact made.

It was accordingly proper to regard the making of a nuisance order under section 94(2) as a sentence, because it visited conduct criminal in nature: it was also a conviction, as being a final determination of the matter by the court.

Although that conclusion might at first blush appear surprising, it was consonant with good sense in relation to this applicant; for she had initiated the proceedings and was concerned with the extent to which the order made under section 94(2) could be upheld.

The decision of the respondent crown court would accordingly be quashed, and an order of *mandamus* would go, requiring it to consider the application for legal aid according to law.

Solicitors: George J. Dowse & Co, Hackney.

# Employer not liable over firemen's 'go-slow'

**General Engineering Services Ltd v Kingston and St Andrew Corporation**

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Templeman, Lord Ackner, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Sir John Stephenson

[Judgment November 21]

Members of a fire brigade, who while operating a "go slow" policy took so long to reach a fire that the building and its contents were substantially destroyed, were not acting in the course of their employment and so their employer was not vicariously liable for the firemen's default.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council so held in dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, General Engineering Services Ltd, from the judgment of the Court of Appeal of Jamaica on October 21, 1986, dismissing the plaintiff's appeal from the judgment of Mr Justice Malcolm in the Supreme Court of Jamaica on December 14, 1984, who gave judgment for the defendant, Kingston and St Andrew Corporation, in an action by the plaintiff for damages for negligence and breach of statutory duty.

Mr Eugene Cotran and Mr Clark Cousins (of the Jamaican Bar) for the plaintiff; Dr Lloyd Barnett (of the Jamaican Bar), Mr Fred Philpott and Mr John Vassell (of the Jamaican Bar) for the defendant.

LORD ACKNER said that early one morning a neighbour saw smoke and flames coming from the plaintiff's business premises. She dialled the fire brigade which was only one and a half miles away, involving a journey normally taking the fire engine no more than three and a half minutes. The brigade took 17 minutes.

It was common ground that if it had arrived with its usual expedition, the fire would have been speedily extinguished and the complete destruction of the office, store room and its contents would have been avoided.

The brigade took longer than normal to reach the fire because the firemen, in furtherance of an industrial dispute, were operating a "go slow" policy to bring pressure upon their employer to satisfy their grievances.

The clear inference from the facts was that the firemen had, in pursuance of that policy, decided to take so long to get to the fire that by the time of their arrival the property would have been substantially destroyed.

A master was not responsible for a wrongful act done by his servant unless it was done in the course of his employment. It was well established that the act was deemed to be so done if it was either (i) a wrongful act authorized by the master, or (ii) a wrongful and unauthorized mode of doing some act authorized by the master.

Mr Cotran contended that the conduct of the firemen could properly be categorized as a wrongful and unauthorized mode of doing some act, namely driving to the scene of the fire, which was authorized by the defendant, their employer.

Their Lordships agreed with the decision of the Court of Appeal, upholding that of the judge, that the firemen were not acting in the course of their employment when they, by their conduct, permitted the destruction of the building and its contents.

Their unauthorized and wrongful act was so to prolong the time taken by the journey to the scene of the fire as to ensure that they did not arrive in time to extinguish it before the building and its contents were destroyed.

Their mode and manner of driving — the slow progression of stopping and starting — was not so connected with the authorized act, which was driving to the scene as expeditiously as reasonably possible, as to be a mode of performing that act.

The unauthorized and wrongful act by the firemen was a wrongful repudiation of an essential obligation of their contract of employment, namely the decision and its implementation not to arrive in time to save the building and its contents. That decision was not in furtherance of their employer's business but of their industrial dispute.

Such conduct was the very negation of carrying out some act authorized by the employer, albeit in a wrongful and unauthorized mode. Their Lordships recommended that the appeal should be dismissed.

Solicitors: Ziadies; Lovell White Durrant.

# Importance of complying with industrial law procedure

**Martin v British Railways Board**

Before Mr Justice Wood

[Judgment October 26]

In holding that a letter from solicitors to the Registrar of the Employment Appeal Tribunal giving notice of an intention to appeal from an industrial tribunal's decision could not be accepted as a notice of appeal, the President of the Employment Appeal Tribunal drew attention to the importance of advisers complying with rules of procedure, especially concerning time limits and the need for prompt action on their part.

Mr Justice Wood, sitting alone, dismissed an appeal by Mr Granville Martin from an order of the EAT Registrar on June 24 1988, refusing an extension of time for appealing against a decision of a Norwich industrial tribunal on April 15 that the employers, British Railways Board had not dismissed him unfairly.

Mr Christopher Jeans for the employee; Mr Gregory Treverton-Jones for the board.

MR JUSTICE WOOD said that the practice on appeal from the Registrar to a judge was the same as on an appeal from a Queen's Bench master to a judge in chambers. It was a re-hearing of the application which had led to the order under appeal and the judge would apply the principles enunciated in *Evans v Bartlam* ([1937] AC 373, 478) *per* Lord Atkin.

In the present case, the employee's complaint of unfair dismissal was dismissed on April 15. On May 4 an application for legal aid was made for the purposes of an appeal. On May 11 his solicitors wrote to the EAT Registrar giving notice of their client's wish to appeal. On May 17 a legal aid certificate was received by the appeal tribunal accompanied by a request for an extension of time which was refused.

It was submitted on the employee's behalf that the letter of May 11 should have been treated as the notice of appeal, alternatively that the Registrar had erred in the exercise of her discretion.

Counsel referred to *Practice Direction (EAT: Procedure)* ([1981] ICR 287) and in particular to the requirement of rule 4(1) that in cases where legal aid had been applied for an appellant should inform the registrar of his intention of appealing.

His Lordship said that it had become apparant that emphasis once more had to be laid upon the importance of complying with the rules relating to time limits.

In the present case the letter of May 11 could not be considered to be a notice of a appeal. Rule 3(1) of the Employment Appeal Tribunal Rules (SI 1980 No 2035) clearly envisaged that some document other than the printed forms could be used but it had to be made clear that such a procedure could only be acceptable in exceptional cases which would be extremely rare and not based on sympathy.

In order to satisfy rule 3(1) as a notice of appeal a document would need to indicate the efforts made to acquire a proper form, the names and addresses of the parties, the date and content of the decision, the identity of the tribunal and sufficiently defined grounds of appeal. A copy of the full reasons would need to be enclosed.

The mere application for legal aid was not sufficient to justify an extension: *Marshall v Harland & Wolff Ltd* ([1972] ICR 97). The notice of appeal could have been filed in time and there were no exceptional circumstances.

Parties had to learn to act promptly and not leave matters to the last few days. Advisers had to appreciate that they were expected to know the law and procedure; it was only where those acting in person needed guidance that a more lenient approach was justifiable. The appeal would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Daynes, Hill & Perks, Norwich; Mr Simon K. Osborne, Paddington.

# Striking out order not properly made

**B. & S. Sehgal & Sons Ltd v McAllister**

Where no application to strike out a counterclaim had been made an order striking it out was not properly made.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Bingham) so held on November 21, when allowing in part an appeal by the defendant, Mr David McAllister (t/a Private Collection), from the dismissal on October 9, 1987 by Mr Justice Taylor of an appeal against an order for summary judgment, under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, made by the district registrar at Newcastle upon Tyne in favour of the plaintiffs, B. & S. Sehgal & Sons Ltd.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER said that the district registrar, when giving judgment for the plaintiffs on the claim, had also dismissed the defendant's counterclaim, although there had been no application to strike it out.

The appeal to the judge made no reference to the counterclaim. The judge was justified in dismissing the appeal so far as the Order 14 judgment was concerned.

The counterclaim, however, was in a different category. The plaintiffs contended that the question of striking out had been raised orally before the registrar and he was therefore entitled of his own motion to strike out the counterclaim.

But an application to strike out was an application of which proper notice should be given, more particularly if, as in the present case, the order for striking out was to be made against a litigant in person. An application made orally was not the proper way to invoke the inherent jurisdiction of the court to strike out a pleading.

# Notice of readiness

**Unifert International SARL v Panous Shipping Co Inc (The Virginia M)**

A notice of readiness issued by a ship must indicate readiness to discharge the whole of a cargo and not merely a part of it. Although a requirement to take on fresh water at a port of discharge might normally be an event which was not likely to cause any delay and would not therefore invalidate a notice where that port was one where local difficulties were likely to intervene, the lack of fresh water on the ship was fatal to the validity of the notice.

Mr Justice Hobhouse so held in the Queen's Bench Division on November 18 when allowing an appeal under the Arbitration Act 1979 against the finding of the arbitrators.

HIS LORDSHIP said readiness was readiness in a business and mercantile sense and did not involve the completion of what were mere formalities.

# Relief for applicant over solicitors' mistake

**Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Al-Mehdawi**

Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Nicholls and Lord Justice Taylor

[Judgment November 9]

*Certiorari* would go to quash a decision of a tribunal when there had been a breach of a rule of natural justice caused entirely by the negligence of the applicant's solicitors in circumstances where no blame attached to the applicant himself.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the Secretary of State for the Home Department from a decision of Mr Justice Macpherson granting *certiorari* to quash the determination of an adjudicator who dismissed an appeal by Shahib Al-Mehdawi against the Home Secretary's decision to deport him.

Mr John Laws and Mr David Pannick for the Home Secretary; Sir Charles Fletcher-Cooke, QC and Mr George Warr for Mr Al-Mehdawi.

LORD JUSTICE TAYLOR said that when the respondent's solicitors, Bowman Ziadie & Co, wrote to inform him of the date of the hearing before the adjudicator they sent the letter to the wrong address and it did not reach him. Consequently, the respondent was not represented before the adjudicator, who on consideration of the available documents dismissed the appeal.

On judicial review it was accepted on behalf of the secretary of state that the judge was bound by the Court of Appeal decision in *R v Diggines, Ex parte Rahmani* ([1985] 1 QB 1109) that unless there had been fault on the part of the respondent personally relief should be granted.

On this appeal Mr Laws argued that this court was not bound by its earlier decision in *Rahmani* in view of the ultimate ruling when the case went to the House of Lords.

The final opinion of the House of Lords was that the issue determined at first instance and by the Court of Appeal did not arise for decision on a true view of the facts and law.

In those circumstances his Lordship considered that although the decision of the Court of Appeal in *Rahmani* was of powerful persuasive influence the court was not bound by it.

Mr Laws conceded that if the reasoning of this court in that case was sound it was determinative of the present appeal.

The nub of the decision in *Rahmani* was that since there had been a failure of natural justice in the trial process, *certiorari* could and should go notwithstanding the absence of fault by the tribunal.

His Lordship adhered to his views at first instance in *Rahmani*, which were approved by the Court of Appeal. However, his Lordship set out his reasons for remaining unrepentant.

Mr Laws's main submission was that the purpose of judicial review was to impose standards of decision making and more particularly to control errors and departures from those standards by decision makers.

He submitted that the respondent's case involved judicial review being available as a guarantee to a litigant against any form of unfairness in litigation regardless of who, if indeed any one was at fault. That would extend judicial review so far as to leave principles behind, particularly the principle requiring finality in litigation.

If negligence of his own advisers could entitle an applicant to a grant of *certiorari* and a rehearing of his case, Pandora's Box would be wide open. If *certiorari* lay here it had to lie wherever litigation ended in unfairness however caused.

His Lordship could not accept that argument *ad absurdum*. It was true that natural justice could not be invoked to rectify any and every perceived unfairness. But, in the present case there was, owing entirely to the solicitors' negligence, a breach of a basic rule of natural justice — *audi alteram partem*. That was a fundamental flaw in the decision-making process.

It was clearly distinguishable from situations within a proper process in which an applicant's case might have been conducted more skilfully or differently.

No doubt difficult cases could arise near the borderline between a reviewable defect of process and a grievance without remedy. Where that line should be drawn was perhaps incapable of a universal definition and must depend on the circumstances of each case.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Burton Woolf & Turk.

### Mesham v Clarke

We have been asked to point out that in *Mesham v Clarke* (*The Times* November 14) Lovell Son & Pitfield acted as agents for Philip Jones Hillyer & Jackson, Chester, only at the hearing of the appeal and were not involved prior to the hearing; further, the Chester firm did write to the civil appeals listing officer on October 8, 1988.

## European Law Report

Luxembourg

# Establishing value of discounted goods to party hostesses for VAT purposes

**Naturally Yours Cosmetics Ltd v Commissioners of Customs and Excise**

Case 230/87

Before O. Due, President and Judges T. Koopmans, R. Joliet, T. F. O'Higgins, C. N. Kakouris, F. A. Schockweiler and J. C. Moitinho de Almeida

Advocate General J. L. da Cruz Vilaca

(Opinion July 14, 1988)

[Judgment November 23]

Where goods were supplied for consideration not wholly consisting of money and where there was a direct link between their supply and that consideration, the taxable amount for vlue-added tax purposes was a subjective value which had to be capable of being expressed in monetary terms.

Naturally Yours Cosmetics was a company which carried on business as a wholesaler of cosmetic products for resale by retailers ("beauty consultants") who approached friends and acquaintances ("hostesses") for the purpose of organizing private parties at which the company's products were offered for sale.

The beauty consultants purchased the products from the company at wholesale prices and sold them at such parties at a retail price recommended by the company.

The difference between those two prices, constituted the profit to which the beauty consultants were entitled. They were exempted from payment of VAT under article 24 of Council Directive 77/388/EEC of May 17, 1977 on the harmonization of the laws of the member states relating to turnover taxes — common system of value added tax: uniform basis of assessment (OJ 1977 No L145, p1) because their turnover fell short of the threshold fixed by the United Kingdom legislation.

To reward hostesses for organizing parties the beauty consultants gave them a pot of "natural cream rejuvenating cream" as a "dating gift". When the pot of cream was used for that purpose the company supplied it to the consultant for £1.50 instead of its normal wholesale price of £10.14.

The commissioners assessed VAT for 1984 on the basis of the normal wholesale price of £10.14 for each pot of cream, including those intended to be used as gifts. In so doing they relied upon the relevant UK legislation, namely section 10(3) of the Value Added Tax Act 1983, which provided that where the supply was for a consideration not consisting or not wholly consisting of money, the value of the supply was to be taken to be its open market value.

The company considered that that provision was contrary to article 11 A 1(a) of the Sixth Directive and that the taxable amount should be the price of £1.50 actually paid by the beauty consultant for the pots of cream to be used as gifts.

Article 11 A 1 of the Sixth Directive provided:

"The taxable amount shall be: (a) in respect of supplies of goods and services . . . everything which constitutes the consideration which has been or is to be obtained by the supplier from the purchaser, the customer or a third party for such supplies, including subsidies directly linked to the price of such supplies"

The VAT tribunal stayed the proceedings and referred a question to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held as follows:

In Case 154/80, *Staatssecretaris van Financiën v Cooperatieve Aardappelenbewaarplaats* ([1981] ECR 445) the Court had held that the basis of assessment for a service was everything which made up consideration for that service, there had therefore to be a direct link between the service provided and the consideration received if the provision of services were to be taxable under the second directive.

Such a direct link had also to exist between the supply of goods and the consideration received within the meaning of article 11 A 1(a) of the Sixth Directive.

It was apparent from the order for reference that a feature of the company's sales method was that beauty consultants operated at private parties which they organized through hostesses. That was why, it was said, the company agreed to sell the pot of cream to be used as a gift at a very low price.

Moreover, it emerged at the hearing that where the beauty consultant, being unable to find a hostess to organize a party, did not provide the envisaged service, the pot of cream had to be returned or paid for at the normal wholesale price.

If that was the case — a matter to be decided by the national court — then there was a direct link between the supply of the pot of cream at a very low price and the service provided by the beauty consultant.

The national court further asked whether that service was to be regarded as part of the consideration for the supply of the goods even though it did not constitute monetary consideration and, if so, how the value of the service was to be determined in cases such as that of the beauty consultant in the present proceedings.

From the aforesaid judgment it was clear first that the consideration had to be capable of being expressed in monetary terms and, second, that it was a subjective value, since the basis of assessment was the consideration actually received and not a value estimated according to subjective criteria.

In the present case, the parties to the contract had reduced the wholesale price of the pot of cream by a specific amount, in exchange for the supply of a service by a beauty consultant which consisted in procuring hostesses to arrange sales parties by offering them pots of cream as gifts.

In those circumstances, it was possible to ascertain the monetary value which the two parties to the contract attributed to that service, that value had to be considered to be the difference between the price actually paid and the normal wholesale price.

On those grounds the European Court ruled:

Article 11 A 1(a) of the Sixth Directive had to be interpreted as meaning that where a supplier ("the wholesaler") supplied goods ("the inducement") to another ("the retailer") for a monetary consideration which was less than that at which he supplied identical goods to the retailer for resale to the public on an undertaking by the retailer to apply the inducement in procuring another person to arrange a gathering at which further goods of the wholesaler could be sold by the retailer to the public for their mutual benefit, on the understanding that if no such gathering was held the inducement was to be returned to the supplier or paid for at its wholesale price, the taxable amount was the sum of the monetary consideration and the value of the service provided by the retailer which consisted in applying the inducement in procuring the services of another person or in rewarding that person for those services, the value of that service was to be regarded as being equal to the difference between the price actually paid for that product and its normal wholesale price.

# Freedom of movement of religious community members

**Steymann v Staatssecretaris van Justitie**

Case 196/87

Before O. Due, President of the Sixth Chamber and Judges T. Koopmans, K. Bahlmann, C. N. Kakouris and T. F. O'Higgins

Advocate General M. Darmon

(Opinion July 5, 1988)

[Judgment October 5]

Real and effective work carried out by the members of a religious community might constitute an economic activity within the meaning of article 2 of the EEC Treaty.

Mr Udo Steymann, a German national, settled in The Netherlands in March 1983. He worked there for a short time as an employed plumber.

Subsequently he became a member of the religious community called *De Stad Rajneesh Neo-Sannyas Commune* ("the Bhagwan community"), which ensured its economic independence by means of commercial activities such as running a discotheque, a drinks shop and a laundromat.

As a part of his partic[illegible] in the life of the B[illegible] Community Steymann carried out certain plumbing work in the building which it occupied as well as general domestic tasks. In addition he helped in the community's commercial activities. Irrespective of the nature and the extent of his activities, the community provided, in any event, for Steymann's material needs.

In August 1984 he applied for a residence permit in The Netherlands in order to be able to take up employment there. That permit was refused by the head of the local police. Steymann appealed against that refusal to the Staatssecretaris van Justitie (Secretary of State for Justice) who dismissed the appeal on the grounds, *inter alia*, that Steymann was not in employment and therefore did not enjoy the status of a privileged EEC national within the meaning of Netherlands legislation on foreign nationals.

Steymann brought an action against that decision maintaining that, as a member of the Bhagwan Community, he was both a provider to and a [illegible]

The Raad van State (Council of State) stayed the proceedings and referred three questions to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held as follows:

The first question sought, essentially, to establish to what extent activities carried out by members of a community based on religion or other spiritual or philosophical persuasion within the scope of the internal organization of such a community might be regarded as economic activities within the meaning of the EEC Treaty.

It was appropriate to note, as a preliminary matter, that taking account of the objectives of the EEC, participation in a community based on religion or other spiritual or philosophical persuasion did not fall within the scope of Community law, except to the extent that it might be regarded as an economic activity within the meaning of article 2 of the Treaty.

As the Court had previously held, paid employment or the provision of services for remuneration were to be regarded as economic activities within the meaning of the aforementioned provision.

With regard to the activities concerned in the present case, it appeared from the file that those constituted work carried out within and on behalf of the Bhagwan Community in the context of its commercial activities. It appeared that such work occupied a significant place in the way of life of the Bhagwan Community and that its members could only be exempted from it in certain special circumstances.

In its turn, the Bhagwan Community provided for the material needs of its members, including pocket money, irrespective of the nature and the extent of the work which they carried out.

In a case such as that before the national court, it could not be ruled out, *a priori*, that work carried out by the members of that community might constitute economic activity within the meaning of article 2 of the Treaty.

To the extent to which such work, whose purpose was to ensure the economic independence of the Bhagwan Community, constituted an essential element in the participation in the community in question, the benefits granted by it to its members might be regarded as indirect consideration for their work.

However, such work had to be real and effective and not of such a nature as to be purely marginal and accessory. In the present case the national court had held that the work was real and effective.

The second and third questions raised the issue of whether articles 59 and 60 of the Treaty covered the situation of a national of a member state who went to another member state and there established his principal residence with a view to providing or to benefiting from the provision of services for an indefinite period.

It was apparent from the very wording of article 60 that an activity carried out on a permanent basis or, in any event, without a foreseeable limit in time could not fall within the scope of the Community provisions relating to the provision of services.

On the other hand, such activities might, according to the circumstances, fall within the scope of articles 48 to 51 or 52 to 58 of the Treaty.

On those grounds the European Court (Sixth Chamber) ruled:

1 Article 2 of the EEC Treaty was to be interpreted to the effect that activities carried out by the members of a community based upon religion or other spiritual or philosophical conviction in the context of commercial activities carried out by that community constituted economic activities, to the extent to which benefits conferred by the community on its members might be regarded as indirect consideration for real and effective activities.

2 Articles 59 and 60 of the Treaty did not cover the situation of a national of a member state who moved to another member state and there established his principal residence with a view to providing or receiving services there for an indeterminate period.

# GARDENING

## A pattern of stitches

**Francesca Greenoak visits an embroiderer's dream garden in London**

Elizabethan wall hangings depicting flowers and gardens, *parterres de broderie* (garden designs based on embroidery patterns) through to embroiderer gardeners such as Gertrude Jekyll and Christopher Lloyd, show how the arts of gardening and embroidery have reflected and enriched each other over centuries of changing taste.

According to Thomasina Beck, author of *The Embroiderer's Garden*, "embroidery can teach a great deal about garden design". Seduced by the beautiful pictures in her book, I crossed the Thames to Stockwell to meet the embroiderer in her garden.

Mrs Beck told me that she had bought her neat 1840s house "for the sake of its garden", which is small but nicely proportioned – with a pleasant screening provided by mature trees in her own and neighbours' gardens. Unfortunately, the *Robinia Pseudacacia* Frisia, a focal landmark featured in her embroidery of a window-view of the garden, was blown down last year, but her distress has been alleviated by the sight of a recently planted tree of the same kind.

The garden is packed with interesting and unusual forms and textures, which are "much too closely planted", according to Mrs Beck. "I do all the things I shouldn't. I impulse-buy and I plant things in ones and twos rather than a group." The result is exciting and various, providing a relief from the current fashion for planting in clumps.

It avoids being bitty by balancing the external skeleton of trees with an internal spine of formal box, clipped into cone-shape. The long rectangular line of the garden is softened by foliage and internal structuring.

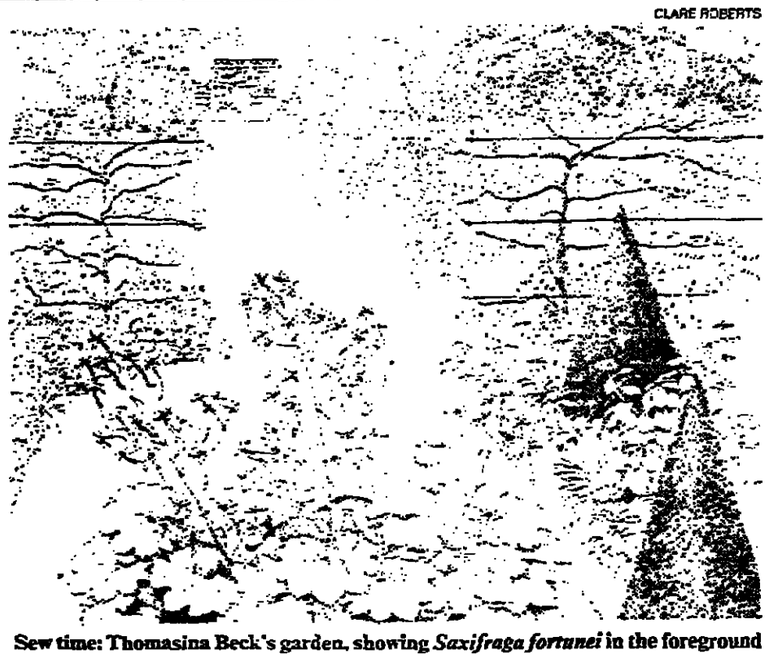
There is an old apple tree and a pleasant and fruitful espalier screen of Ashmead's Kernel and Sunset through which one passes to reach the summer house and the shady end of the garden, which has been made into a hellebore den, a gradually sloping bank of impressive dark, glossy foliage.

"This is dangerously close to Vincent Square," Mrs Beck says. She goes to nearly every RHS show, bringing back plants which are hardly available elsewhere, most of which settle happily in her garden. A huge *Melianthus major* has been rather too successful, with its pleated and serrated blue-green foliage, eye-catching and statuesque, having grown too large for its allotted space.

She points out the beauty of the silky-white undersides of the leaves of *Alchemilla erythropodes* – a plant I have grown for years, noticing only the upper surfaces. The starry white flowers of *Saxifraga fortunei*, small and easily overlooked, are exquisite when closely observed: a golden eye and glossy irregular petals, one in each flower extending into a long ribbon. This little plant is hardy, its scalloped, round leaves making a pretty mound and its flowers rising as late as October and November.

I was struck at how well the techniques of needlework catch the essentials of a plant: a hydrangea preciosa "pink french knots for the flower centres, appliqué for the petals"; hellebore Boughton Beauty "pink and green silks overlaid". Embroiderer-gardeners look for plants with "definite shape and interesting texture", the spikiness of pale astrantias, or eryngium Miss Willmott's Ghost or the dark, compact density of box or the compact myrtle (*Myrtus communis tarantina*).

The house seems to turn its back on the street, all the best rooms embracing the garden, designed to present a different aspect of itself to each window. The drawing room gives out on to a little balustraded stairway and a terrace, the kitchen overlooks the box trees keeping order in the overflowering perennial border. From her workroom a storey above, Mrs Beck gets a pretty overall impression of colour and shape: the glossy dome of the Félicité et Perpétue rose covering the apple tree.



CLARE ROBERTS

**Sew time: Thomasina Beck's garden, showing *Saxifraga fortunei* in the foreground**

Formerly a lecturer at the Victoria and Albert Museum and a perceptive garden historian, Mrs Beck sees embroidery as "a barometer of garden taste", revealing changes not only in design styles but in plants. New plants were introduced into needlework almost as swiftly as they became established in gardens.

● *The Embroiderer's Garden by Thomasina Beck is published by David and Charles (£10.50)*

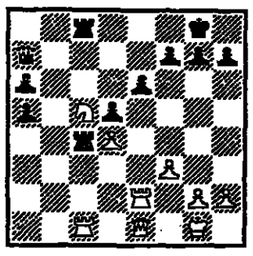
### WEEKEND TIPS

- Weave dead foliage of red-hot pokers *(Kniphofias)* and pampas grass to protect the centre of the plants from cold.
- Continue to rake up dead leaves, and remove them from drains and ditches.
- Protect alpine plants from water-logging with a piece of glass positioned over them.
- Plant bare-rooted trees and shrubs as soon as possible after getting them home (unless it is wet or frosty) – soak the roots in water for a few hours before planting.
- In wet and frosty conditions, make a hole or slit in the soil and roughly plant trees or shrubs (heeling in) until they can be properly planted.
- Take houseplants away from cold window sills when you draw the curtains at night and mist-spray them in the morning if they have dried out.
- Lift leeks and other winter vegetables on mild days for use during periods when the ground is frozen or snow-covered.

# CHESS

### WINNING MOVE

**In the diagram, Black, to move, has a brutal win. What is Black's winning move?**



To enter *The Times* Winning Move competition, send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to: *The Times* Winning Move Competition, The Times, 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a wallet-sized personal chess computer. The winners' names, together with the winning move, will be printed in *The Times* next Saturday.

Solution to yesterday's position: 1 Rxe6+

Last Saturday's competition was a position from the game Bernstein-Capablanca, Moscow 1914. Black's winning coup was 1...Qb2.

The three winners of personal chess computers are: Lawrie Rushmer, Hartlepool, Cleveland; Mrs M.E. Smith, Sandycroft, Deeside, Clwyd; and Miss J. England, Conway Place, Leeds.

## Play in limited games

Three weeks ago in London there took place perhaps the strongest chess competition (composed exclusively of players from just one country) ever to be held outside the Soviet Union. The competitors were Nigel Short, Jon Speelman, Dr John Nunn, Murray Chandler, and Dr Jonathan Mestel, all of whom are members of the English Olympic side. These illustrious names were joined by England's most promising juniors, Michael Adams and Matthew Sadler, and the reigning British Ladies' Champion, Catherine Forbes. It is well known that chess in the Soviet Union is the national game, but with outstanding players such as these, we are now breathing down their necks.

The tournament in question was the James Capel Speed Chess Challenge, a vital test for the English team in the final days before they set off in their hunt for the Gold Medals to the Chess Olympics in Greece. But this event was also something more, a consolidation of the new way of presenting chess on television; the tournament was expressly designed for that purpose, which began with the Kasparov-Short match last year.

None of the James Capel games, destined to be screened on television early next year, lasted longer than 50 minutes, and drawn contests were resolved by five-minute blitz play-offs. In contrast, last year's world championship series in Seville, between Kasparov and Karpov, consisted of 24 games played over two months, many of the games lasting longer than five hours. Drawing an analogy with cricket, the limited over match has firmly come to chess. The change has been brought about partly to make chess more dramatic for invited spectators, but chiefly to attract an entirely new audience to televised chess and convince them of the fascination the game can hold.

As an illustration of the exceedingly high standard that Grandmasters can achieve in blitz chess, witness the following game played before an invited audience at London's Park Lane Hotel last year. Neither of the players had more than five minutes to complete all his moves. This exciting game has never previously been published and it is a miracle that a record of it has survived at all, considering the rapidity with which it was played. White was the mighty World Champion, who is now playing on top board for the USSR in Greece, while our own Dr John Nunn, currently third board for England in Salonika, took Black.

White: Gary Kasparov; Black: Dr John Nunn, King's Indian Defence, London 1987.

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| 1 | d4 | Nf6 | 2 c4 | g6 |
| 3 | g3 | Bg7 | 4 Bg2 | 0-0 |
| 5 | Nf3 | d6 | 6 0-0 | Nc6 |
| 7 | Nc3 | a6 | 8 Bg5 | Bd7 |

A fashionable variation of the King's Indian defence has arisen, but, true to his inventive style, Kasparov has already deviated with a fascinating new approach, based on the rapid deployment of his Queen's Bishop.

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| 9 | Rc1 | b5 | 10 d5 | Na5 |
| 11 | b3 | c5 | 12 dxc6 ep | Nxc6 |
| 13 | Nd5 | bxc4 | 14 Bxf6 | exf6 |

The damage inflicted on the Black pawn structure ensures that White will exert complete domination over the key central square, d5.

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| 15 | Rxc4 | Re8 | 16 Qd2 | f5 |
| 17 | Rfc1 | Rc8 | 18 e3 | Ne5 |

After White's next move Nunn should have seized the opportunity to alleviate the pressure against his position by interpolating the exchange of Knights on f3, with check.

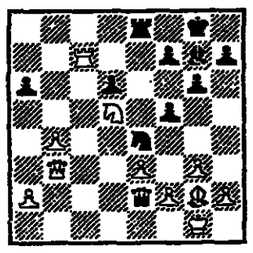
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| 19 | Rxc8 | Bxc8 | 20 Nd4 | Bb7 |
| 21 | Ne2 | Qb8 | 22 Nef4 | Nd7 |
| 23 | Rc7 | Nc5 | 24 b4 | Ne4 |

Now Kasparov obtains decisive strategic pressure by securing absolute control of the open "c" file. This will be utilized as the springboard to complete the invasion of Black's fortress.

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| 25 | Qc2 | Bxd5 | 26 Nxd5 | Qb5 |

Kasparov's coming move sets up a concealed battery against Black's most vulnerable point, the pawn on f7.

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| 27 | Qb3 | Qe2 | 28 Bxe4 | fxe4 |



As so often, Kasparov, having established an overwhelming strategic advantage, finishes off the game with a crisp display of tactics. It should be noted that White could not win without the exchange of Black's Knight on e4, since at some stage he has to deal with the Black threat to play ...Qxf2+.

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| 29 | Nf6+ | Black resigns | | |

After 29...Bxf6 30 Qxf7+ checkmate is forced.

**Raymond Keene**

# BRIDGE

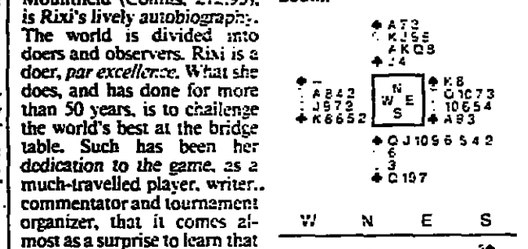
## An easy life for a partner

As Christmas draws closer it might be a good idea to mention some new bridge books: *A Vulnerable Game* by Rixi Markus, with David Mountfield (Collins, £12.95), is Rixi's lively autobiography. The world is divided into doers and observers. Rixi is a doer, *par excellence*. What she does, and has done for more than 50 years, is to challenge the world's best at the bridge table. Such has been her dedication to the game, as a much-travelled player, writer, commentator and tournament organizer, that it comes almost as a surprise to learn that she found time for romance. As a woman, resolution in the face of adversity is perhaps her greatest strength; as a bridge player, she combines natural talent and a fiercely competitive approach with unremitting concentration.

*Improve your Partner's Defence* is by Hugh Kelsey (Gollancz, £8.95). Kelsey has written many fine books. This is one of his best, if not the best. Perhaps I am prejudiced because it is dedicated to one of my favourite themes, the art of making life easy for your partner when you are defending a hand.

Here is a simple example.

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| – | – | – | 5♠ |
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| No | | | |

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*Bridge is Still an Easy Game* by Peter Donovan and Ian MacLeod (Ashford Press, £12.95). This is a sad miscalculation by all concerned. Ian MacLeod, one of the all-conquering original Acol team in the post-war era, set out the simple creed that the team practised in those unsophisticated days in his original book *Bridge is an Easy Game*.

This book is substantially a reprint. But nothing stands still, least of all Bridge. Look at the primitive ideas expressed by any authority of that era; they would appear ridiculous today.

Peter Donovan suggests that "Pure Acol" has been corrupted by scientists trying to attach a host of unwelcome gadgets to the original system. Perhaps, but that is hardly relevant. No, the cold truth is that the Acol of the early 1950s was basically unsound, playable only against players who were overawed by the renown of its exponents.

It was not scientists who decided that these hands, given as examples of recommended aggression, did not constitute an opening bid.

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| Kxxxxx | Qxx | AJ10xxx |
| A10xx | – | Qxx |
| – | AQxx | Q |
| Qxx | Qxxxxx | Qxx |

It was the Acol theorists themselves who, with maturity, recognized that ideas born of boyish enthusiasm did not stand examination in an adult world.

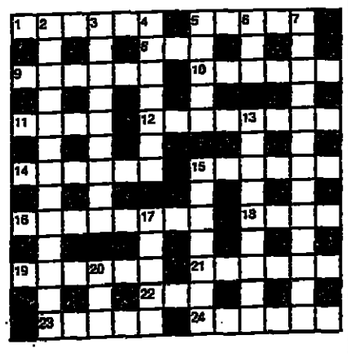
For those who have to plan ahead I can heartily recommend the *Bridge Players Acol Diary*. All the usual features are present, together with some notes on the new duplicate laws. Available in a choice of seven colours at £2.60 (£2.70 with pencil), from Mrs Rhoda Lederer, 5 Ellis Avenue, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire SL9 9UA (0753 884141).

**Jeremy Flint**

# CROSSWORD

## CONCISE NO 1730

Prizes of the 1988 Collins Concise Dictionary will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, December 1. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, December 3.



ACROSS
1 Sharp pang (6)
5 LP (5)
8 Carry with effort (3)
9 Muslim era start (6)
10 Long goat hair (6)
11 Close (4)
12 Lifting tone (8)
14 Ancient (3-3)
15 Dirty (6)
16 Shrill (8)
18 Yeoman officer (4)
19 Soft mud (6)
21 Soothing liquid (6)
22 Short-tailed primate (3)
23 Fingerprint pattern (5)
24 Wanders (6)

DOWN
2 Chinese salix (7,6)
3 Nearby resident (9)
4 Passed by (7)
5 Once more (5)
6 Hunter's catch (3)
7 Sea organisms study (6,7)
13 Waterproof hat (9)
15 Protective glasses (7)
17 Perfection (5)
20 Tibetan cattle (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 1729

ACROSS: 1 Rosary 4 Hobnob 9 Muezzin 10 Lilac 11 Ahab 12 Virginia 14 Indoor 15 Unwise 18 Topnotch 20 Scut 22 Twang 23 Feature 25 Extend 26 Urgent

DOWN: 1 Rim 2 Steward 3 Raze 5 Obliging 6 Nylon 7 Bucharest 8 Anvil 11 Aristotle 13 Toboggan 16 Include 17 Scoff 19 Plant 21 Lair 24 ECT

*The winners of prize concise No 1724 are Mrs E.R. Briggs, Cedarmount, Lyndhurst, Hants; and J. Perris, Sandown Crescent, Sandiway, Northwich, Cheshire.*

SOLUTION TO NO 1724 (last Saturday's prize concise)

ACROSS: 1 Embark 5 Shrew 8 Ilk 9 Propel 10 Engulf 11 Ghee 12 Junk mail 14 Canary 15 Punch 16 Kickback 18 Oily 19 Podium 21 Look-in 22 Ole 23 Drain 24 Tsetse

DOWN: 2 Marsh marigold 2 Applejack 4 Killjoy 5 Skein 6 Rig 7 Wilkie Collins 13 Metronome 15 Pikelet 17 Ammon 20 IBA

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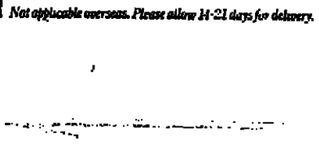
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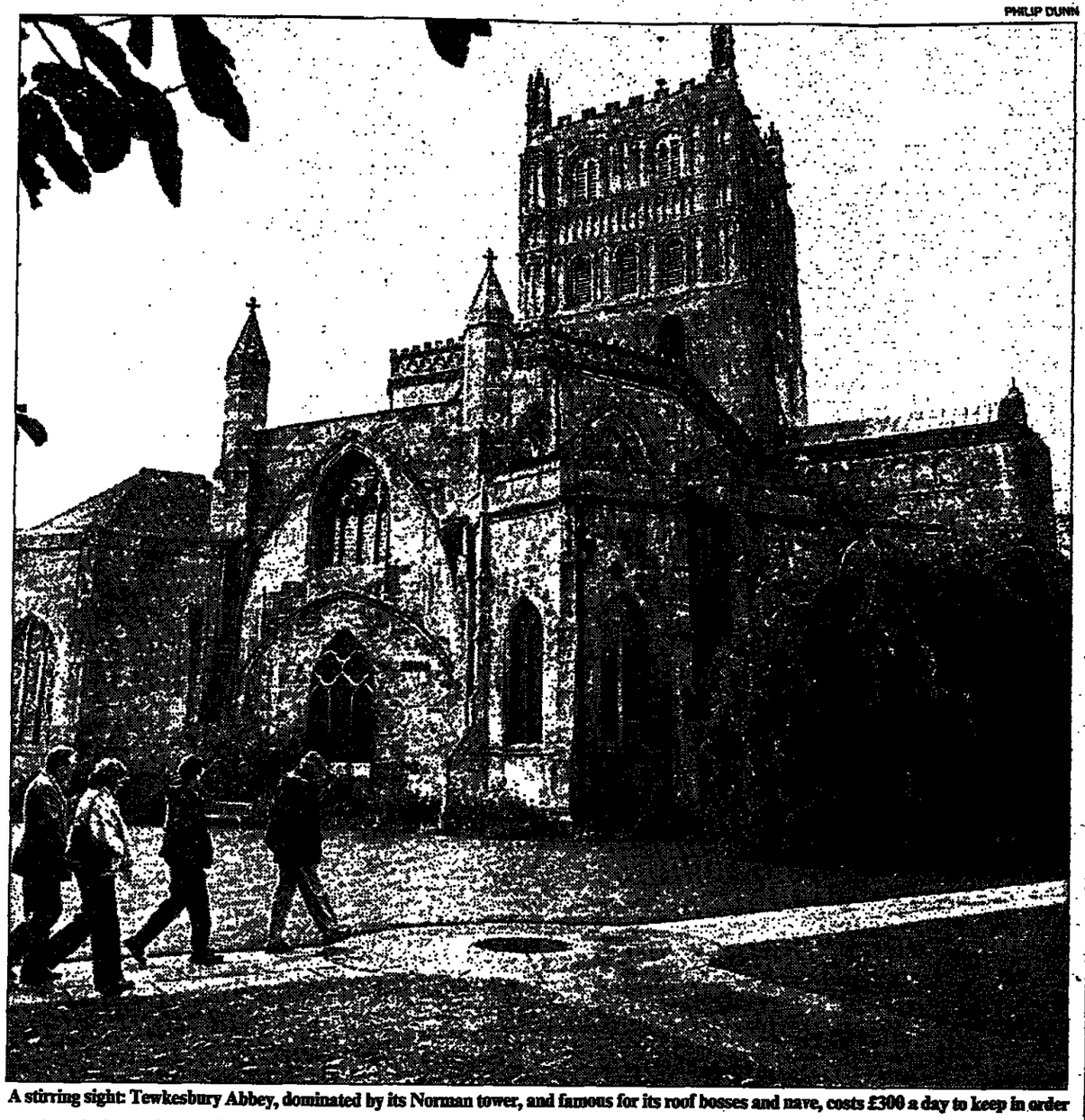
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# OUTDOOR LEISURE

## A pot of condensed charm

**The well-bred town of Tewkesbury is a maze of narrow alleys, each spilling over with a wealth of medieval tea rooms and antique shops, as Nigel Andrew discovered**

PHILIP DUNN



A stirring sight: Tewkesbury Abbey, dominated by its Norman tower, and famous for its roof bosses and nave, costs £300 a day to keep in order

You don't often see a monocle being put to serious use these days. But in Tewkesbury the first person I saw had one screwed in and was glaring up at the abbey tower through it, as if he had just caught the thing moving.

The monocle was moored to a well-filled tweed three-piece, such as might have been worn by Clarence, ninth Earl of Emsworth. Satisfied with his inspection of the tower, the occupant of the tweeds let his monocle drop, and pottered away towards the High Street.

This scene was enacted outside the Bell Hotel, a handsome timber-framed building conveniently opposite the Abbey. Inside, the seductively comfortable lounge was full to bursting with spry, rather well-bred over-sixties, most of them busy getting outside huge dishes of steak and kidney pie. Suddenly I felt almost young.

Down the road at the Royal Hop Pole hotel (grand porch, square Georgian facade), a rather younger set were talking house prices. This is an hotel that, like many others, suffers from having been Mentioned In Dickens. It is thus obliged to have a Dickens Bar and a Sam Weller Pantry. The piped Vivaldi in the lavatories is harder to explain.

Tewkesbury grew up in a constricted space, forced in on itself by the threat of flooding — the Severn and Avon meet here — and the tight control of abbey and manorial estates. So a maze of impossibly narrow alleys developed, tunnelling between and behind the tall gabled houses. Except for Georgian re-facing and later tidying-up, that is how Tewkesbury has stayed, for almost nothing happened to the town between the 1850s and 1930s.

Such an extraordinary stroke of luck can only have been the result of economic decline. The picturesque back alleys of Tewkesbury, doubling up as open sewers, teemed with cholera and diptheria in Victorian times. Today, of course, all is sweetness and light. Prosperity has lined the streets of Tewkesbury with antique shops, restaurants, tea rooms and delicatessens, and the alleys merely add to the charm of an utterly charming little town.

The broad High Street manages to combine real life with a wealth of spectacular houses. The aptly named House of Nodding Gables, for example, is now a branch of the Halifax Building Society, and the equally stunning Clarence House has a ground-floor shop boldly labelled "To Let". On Church Street, too, there is an "Offices to Let" sign on a row of nicely restored medieval cottages.

Further up, you can walk in off the street and straight into a genuine medieval shop, accurately and sparely restored. From the back you get one of the best views of the abbey, and from the upstairs front you can observe the Ginger and Freckles Hair Team at work in the shop opposite.

The abbey dominates the town, as the tower — the heftiest Norman tower in England — dominates the abbey. Too many oversize conifers have grown up around the great building, quite out of keeping and crying out for the chainsaw. But fine views of the abbey are still to be had. The east end, with its chevet of radiating chapels, is a stirring sight from the water meadows, although slightly spoilt by parked cars. The west end, with its tremendous Norman recessed arch, is an awesome sight close to.

The stones of the abbey range through various shades of grey and buff, ochre and pink, with streaks of oxide green under the tall Gothic windows. Inside, a powerful Norman nave engulfs you, thickly forested with massive piers. A splendid 14th-century lierne vault rises rather too abruptly from the Norman capitals. The roof bosses, I know, are wonderful, but I could hardly make them out, even with the aid of 10 penceworth of illumination and the mirror-on-wheels. That's roof bosses for you.

The visitor is frequently reminded in writing that the abbey's upkeep costs more than £3,000 a day. I found the Abbey Shop, discreetly tucked away in a northerly chapel, doing brisk business. Clearly Tewkesbury has learnt the first lesson of the heritage racket — what the punters *really* want is a good shop.

This abbey is justly famous for its magnificent chantry chapels and tombs. Edmund Despenser has apparently climbed out of his chantry and now kneels on the roof, confidently facing the high altar. Abbot Wakeman, on the other hand, presents himself as a decomposing corpse. Ghoulish children can have fun trying to find all five species of vermin at large on the cadaver.

I was lucky enough to find the choir rehearsing when I visited the abbey. This certainly added something to the experience, but I fancy it may also have turned my brain a little. When I caught myself examining with great interest a notice giving the locations of the fire extinguishers, I realized it was time to leave.

Ahead of me lay my easiest assignment ever: to find a tea shop in Tewkesbury. I managed it, and made a complete recovery.

### OUTINGS

**TRADESCANT TRUST CHRISTMAS BIZARRE:** Home-made goods and produce. Lunches and teas.
The Tradescant Trust Museum of Garden History, St Mary-at-Lambeth, Next Lambeth Palace, Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1. Today, tomorrow, 11am-5pm. Admission by donation 50p.

**GLASS-BLOWING WORKSHOP, OPEN HOUSE AND SALE:** Opportunity to watch hot glass-blowing. Sale, mulled wine and mince pies.
The London Glass Blowing Workshop, Hope Wharf, 109 Rotherhithe Street, London SE16 (01-237 0394). Today, tomorrow 11am-5pm.

**CRAFTS FOR CHRISTMAS:** Local craftsmen and women demonstrate their skills and market their wares. All items handmade.
Town Hall, Wadebridge, Cornwall. Today, 9.30am-5.30pm. Proceeds to Cornwall Aids Care.

**EXETER COUNTRYSIDE EVENT:** Help create a small wood. All invited to plant trees — spades provided but take your own if you have one.
Riverside Valley Park, Exeter. Tomorrow, 2.30pm. Meet prior to the event in King George V playing field car park.

**ISIS '88: EXHIBITION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS:** For all parents and families considering education in the private sector. Over 150 independent schools represented.
Novotel, Hammersmith, London, W6. Today, 10am-6.30pm, tomorrow 10.30am-4.30pm.

**CAROL CONCERT:** Two-and-a-half hour programme with organist, three choirs and dancers.
The Thursford Collection, Thursford, Fakenham, Norfolk (0328 77477). Tomorrow, 2.30pm. Tickets £5.75, bookable.

**37TH ANNUAL BIZARRE OF BIZARRES:** In aid of Nightingale House Home for the Aged, many stalls selling baby linen and books, flowers, fruit, and crafts. Light refreshments. Supper at 6pm.
The Production Box, Cumberland Hotel, Marble Arch, London W1. Tomorrow 11.15am-6pm. Admission by donation 50p. Supper £7.

**SOUTH WEST KIT AND SPORTS CAR SHOW:** Over 100 stands with accessories and spares. Two hundred vehicles on display and an auction. Tomorrow at 1pm.
Bristol Exhibition Centre, Bristol. Today, tomorrow 10am-6pm. Adults £3.50 Child £2.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET AND BIZARRE:** Today — sale and display of a wide variety of crafts. Tomorrow — 40 new stalls selling Christmas gifts.
Salisbury Arts Centre, Bedwin Street, Salisbury. Today, tomorrow 10am-4pm.

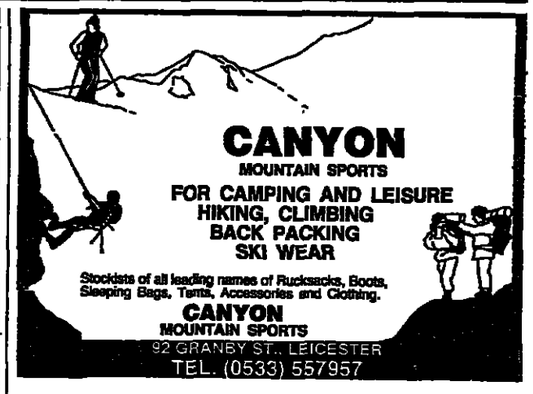
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## Old woods in a new light

**Whether it is a Yorkshire or a Southern, the fearsome blade of a billhook can breathe fresh life into ancient trees**

Before you step into an ancient wood for a spot of the honest medieval toil of coppicing, you must first decide where you stand on the north-south divide. Do you arm yourself with the symbol of the fierce northern forester, the Yorkshire billhook? Or, if a humble beginner, do you settle for the single-bladed Southern?

The Yorkshire is a double-edged weapon that would daunt a Gurkha: one blade is depressed like Concorde's snout, the other straight. The Southern is positively effete by comparison, but ideal for inexperienced volunteers, states the Woodland Trust's helpful fact-pack.

Tony Rhodes, although a Yorkshireman, will fit his fist around a compromise this weekend when he confronts the tangled undergrowth in a Bedfordshire wood a few strides from his doorstep. His choice is the Staffordshire billhook, only moderately deadly and lighter than the northern version, but still double-bladed, giving him the theoretical option of chopping down two trees at once.

Today marks the beginning of National Tree Week, organized by the Tree Council, working with the Department of The Environment and the Woodlands Trust, with the aim of highlighting the importance of the heritage and continuing protection of Britain's trees.

Rhodes's group is three years into re-establishing a rotational coppicing system in Bramingham Wood, a 42-acre remnant of ancient forest spared by Luton's spread northwards into open countryside.

"Coppice-with-standards" was one of the traditional forms for Britain's lowland broadleaved woods for 1,000 years, and was practised at Bramingham until as late as 1926, when the wood was abandoned and left to grow unchecked. The Woodland Trust leased it in 1985, and opened it as their second community wood.

The theory of coppicing is brutally simple. The trees — in Bramingham, mainly oak, ash, hazel, hawthorn, birch and blackthorn — are cut down almost to ground level an acre at a time.

The remaining stumps, or stools, then push up a vigorous crop of new shoots which grow fast because they are fed by the roots of a well-established tree. These develop into tall straight poles which are cut in rotation. Some shoots are left as standards to grow into more mature straight spars, while a proportion remain as full-sized trees.

The Bramingham team has already carved some breathing space into its wood, boosting wildlife. Primroses and wood anemones are already flourishing, encouraged by the light in the new clearing. The list of 70 plants surveyed before coppicing began has swollen to 150 and is still growing.

Coppicing calls for steady wits and rules which must not be broken. The regulars are schooled in essential first aid for verderers. "You can get badly hurt in a wood using tools like billhooks. Safety is paramount," Tony says.

Volunteers love chopping trees. The rule is, if they chop them down they must do the less spectacular jobs too. They have to snedd them — clean off the irregularities on the bark — and cut them up.

Coppicing, according to Tony Rhodes, brings many rewards. He identifies one, the sense of achievement in creatively re-arranging dank November undergrowth. "This is a very old wood. It's on all the ancient maps and there are references to it in the 1300s. There is a distinct thrill in working a living entity as old as this," he says.

● Further details on community woods and coppicing can be obtained from the Woodland Trust, Autumn Park, Grantham, Lincs. NG31 6LL. And British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, 36 St Mary's Street, Wallingford, Oxfordshire.

**Gareth Huw Davies**

## Frost report

### WEATHER EYE

**Sharp frosts this week have undoubtedly been a worry for gardeners. Cold spells in the last decade have shown that early intense frosts do more damage than even cold in the dead of winter *(W.J. Burroughs writes).***

**The most striking example of widespread plant damage in recent years was during the winter of 1981-82. However, Royal Horticultural Society surveys suggest that losses in the much colder winters of 1947 and 1963 were fewer.**

**While parts of the country experienced record low temperatures in both December 1981 and January 1982, these were only marginally colder than the extremes of 1963 or 1947. The important difference was that the first bout of severe weather came in the first half of December.**

**The significance of early frosts is evidenced by the widespread damage to vegetation in December 1879 and January 1881, graphically recorded in the Frost Report by the Rev George Henslow, published by the Royal Horticultural Society in 1887.**

**Southern Scotland suffered most with temperatures as low as -13°F (-25°C) which killed or severely damaged mature apple, oak, walnut, holly, laurel, rhododendron, box and yew. However, early cold preceding similar extremes in January 1881 caused somewhat less damage.**

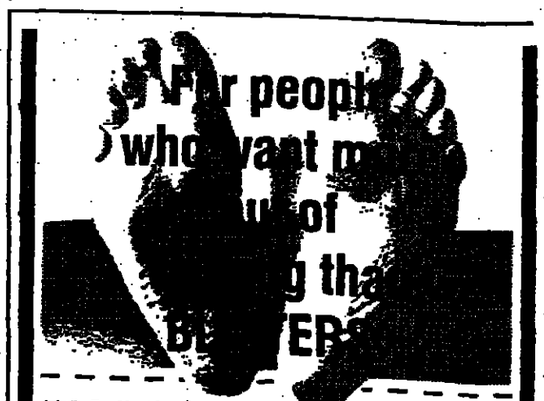
**Winters in the late 18th century tell the same story. Gilbert White's journal shows the most damaging early bout of cold weather he witnessed produced temperatures as low as -1F (-18C) at Selbourne in early December 1784.**

**Laboratory studies show endurance can be improved substantially by gradually exposing plants to extended periods of low temperatures to harden them off.**

**It is intense frost in the first half of December that hits hardest. Arctic conditions in the depth of winter are unlikely to affect trees and shrubs that have survived recent cold winters. But new or tender plants will almost certainly suffer if cold weather strikes. So it may be wise to protect treasured specimens by covering them with polythene, straw or newspaper.**

### NEXT WEEK

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# Roping off the high-risk climber




**Mountaineering agencies meet today to discuss the way forward in safety training. Ronald Faux looks at the case for a new code**

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**Equipped to survive? Three climbers in the Cairngorms on a perfect winter's day; but the snow is treacherous, the weather can change, and the inexperienced may find themselves in trouble**

On the great cliffs of Creag Meagaidh, Lochnagar and Ben Nevis in the Scottish Highlands, layers of ground frost are already forming a foundation for the snows to come. Soon, the first blizzards of winter will plaster the rocks, sheathing them in ice and choking the gulleys with sheer ramps of snow that may be hard as steel or ripe for avalanche.

Short days, bitter cold and fickle weather would logically put these lethal areas out of bounds to most visitors. Yet to mountaineers the Scottish hills in winter have a powerful fascination because of their ice-bound condition. Climbers value above all else a freedom to explore the mountains in all moods, relying on individual judgement, skill and experience to decide when the threshold dividing justifiable risk and foolhardy danger has been reached.

"There is no escaping that danger, actual risk to life and limb, is an essential spice to the sport," one old mountain hand confessed. "It is pitting yourself against that challenge and mitigating the danger in the way that you climb and in the end surviving. That is at the heart of it."

Climbing is an anarchic sport without rule-books, formal competition or controls, but with a satisfaction felt as keenly by the dedicated fell walker, navigating through mist on an easy mountain path, as by the expert, front-pointing his way up an ice cliff in the Himalayas.

To the outsider, the sport may seem an exercise in self-indulgence, putting at risk not only the climber's life, but the lives of those called out to rescue him. Few seasoned mountaineers will not have lost a friend or known someone killed in an accident. Many, if they are honest, will admit to having themselves experienced near-misses. It is the price climbers know they can be asked to pay for the unique satisfaction and camaraderie mountaineering gives.

These qualities of mountaineering were recognized long ago by the education and youth services and developed by such movements as Outward Bound and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. There are now more than 500 training centres in the British hills, and a fine weekend will bring out tens of thousands of enthusiasts.

As a result, what was a free and unrestricted sport is now under pressure from sheer weight of numbers. Footpaths become quagmires, landowners rebel against the tramp of boots, botanists and ornithologists complain about threats to the natural world, and regulation, anathema to mountaineers, is demanded.

More than half the work of the British Mountaineering Council is devoted to negotiating access with landowners. The Mountainwalking Leader Training Board, organizer of a conference on training with teachers and youth leaders at the National Centre for Mountain Activities in Snowdonia today, attempts to provide a safe link between the sport and organizations keen that the adventure of exploring mountains be generally enjoyed.

The MLTB administrates a training qualification, not mandatory for those taking groups on to the mountains, which fewer than 300 of the 2,000 entering for it each year achieve in full.

Chris Dodd, MLTB training officer, said this disappointing record did not mean that supervised groups going on to the hills were in any increased danger. "It boils down in the end to common sense and ensuring that risks to any group in the mountains are apparent rather than real. There is a clear and absolute dividing line between an experience which is enduring and valuable and the point where life is at risk. Anyone who takes groups on to the hills must be able to recognize that line."

The real difficulty comes later, when a climber explores beyond the zone of apparent danger safeguarded by his own experience, stamina and the expertise he has been taught.

Martin Moran, mountain guide and devoted winter mountaineer, climbed all the 277 Scottish Munros (peaks over 3,000ft) in one winter season. His recently published guide to winter climbing in Scotland is a careful examination of the history and technique of a demanding corner of the sport which he variously describes as purgatory and perfection.

It is the latest advice on eyeing the weather, judging the condition of the snow, and choosing equipment, which are the basic skills of survival in this profoundly satisfying, sometimes treacherous, sport.

Scotland's Winter Mountains *is published by David and Charles (£14.95).* Mountaincraft and Leadership *by Eric Langmuir (Scottish Sports Council and MLTB) is a seminal work on the subject and two videos,* Hazards of Avalanche and Crevasse *(£13.50) and* Taking to the Hills *(£14.95) give advice from the British Mountaineering Council, Crawford House, Booth Street East, Manchester M13 9RZ.*

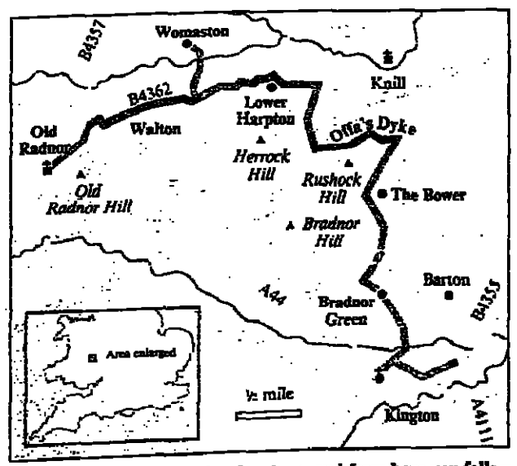


**Disaster: a helicopter drops off a rescue party to search for lost climbers in the Cairngorms**

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**This leads to a steady climb through woodland, the path clearly marked. Emerging from the woods the path heads briefly south before turning sharp left and you are on the Dyke itself, which rises to 1,245ft before dropping down the back of Rushock Hill, with spectacular views.**

**The path leaves the Dyke, turning southward, and heads for Kington through Bradnor Green. Crossing the bypass the path enters Kington across an attractive small river with whitewashed cottages by the lane, and from here you follow the Offa's Dyke Path up to the parish church. Around this the original town grew, but the centre of gravity shifted down to the "new" town set out in the 13th century. Good Georgian and Victorian buildings give the town its character and there should be no difficulty with refreshment after your exertions.**

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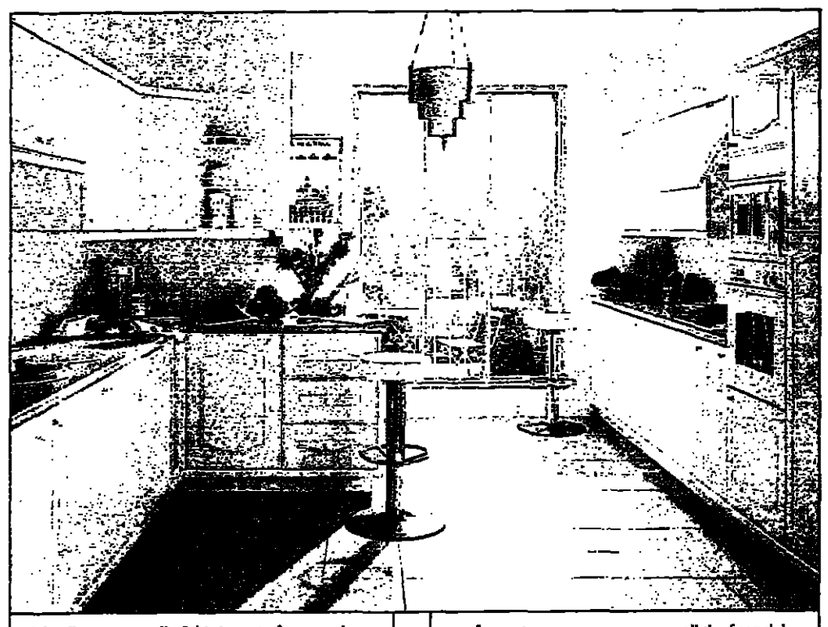
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